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Hello Laguna Woods Village Chorale,

I want to first off say thank you so much for allowing me to receive the scholarship to continue my music studies at Saddleback College. I wanted to give you all a little bio on myself so here it is! I was born and raised in Orange County my entire life with my family of now 7. I grew up going to school with absolutely no hobbies up until high school. I decided to change my appearance for the better and joined the schools tennis team. I lost 45 pounds, grew 9 inches, and I'm the happiest I've ever been! I also grew up going to the Boys & Girls Club of Capistrano Valley where I discovered my love for helping club members, the community and any one else around me. I had the chance to travel to Atlanta, San Mateo, and even Pittsburg to attend leadership conferences with my keystone group because of all the hard work we put into the program. I also had the chance to help plan and facilitate a conference in Pennsylvania for over 1,500 teenagers, which was such an amazing experience. My advisor and I were chosen along with another committee member to facilitate another Keystone conference in Ramstein, Germany on a military base for Boys & Girls Clubs there. All these amazing opportunities taught me to try new things and that's when I started singing. I immediately fell in love my senior year of high school and at that moment I knew singing was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life! I recently was a part of 2 operas, 2 musicals, and many choir concerts which have all been great shows! I especially love working with Dr. Farthing who has actually helped me out tremendously. I have grown so much as a musician and as an individual because of him and I am so grateful. I'm so ecstatic to know that I will have one more year here at Saddleback with such great faculty until I plan to transfer to Fullerton to pursue my musical career. I plan on transferring to CSUF next year to hopefully major in vocal performance. I plan on hopefully being able to sing in operas, musicals, and any other singing opportunities after graduating from the university. And again I would like to thank you all for this amazing opportunity you have given me and I hope to hear from you all very soon!!

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