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March 29, 2012

Mr. Shaun D. Carey  
City of Sparks  
1675 E. Prater Way  
Sparks, NV 89434

Dear Mr. Carey, City Manager,

Support from the State of Nevada, once providing nearly all of the University's budget, now underwrites just under one-third of the total expenditures for the University of Nevada, Reno. In the University's current budget, state appropriations are designated for overall instructional and research functions. Private philanthropy provides for excellence and plays a significant and increasing role in shaping the University's reputation for intellectual vitality. Endowed funds like the **City of Sparks Scholarship** encourage the distinction that has led to our rating as a 2012 first tier school.

We are aware that your account was designated to be withheld for the 2011-12 academic year, and while your scholarship was not awarded this year, we are extremely grateful for your investment in our students and your belief in and support of our work. You may be pleased to know that other scholarships continued to provide support to those pursuing their dreams of higher education. We thought you might enjoy reading thank you notes from appreciative students who received a scholarship where there is no living donor with whom to share.

Mr. Carey, together we are offering resources and opportunities for students that will transform Nevada and our nation. This is the most important thing we do, and we could not do it without you. Should you have any questions regarding this scholarship, please do not hesitate to contact us at (775) 784-1587.

Sincerely,

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Fall 2011

Dear Ms. Heather Hardy:

Thank you so very much for awarding me the Carrie B. Layman Scholarship. I am greatly appreciative and honored to accept the award.

I am a proud third generation Nevadan and a product of the public school system. Being the first in my family to attend university, it gives me great pleasure to receive recognition of my hard work outside of my loving and supportive family. Working and going to school is not always the easiest of tasks, but with the encouragement of my family and my dedication to the betterment of my community I have been able to overcome many hardships.

When I arrived at the university I knew I wanted to study history. As my journey progressed and the importance of politics in the shaping of history became more apparent, I decided to dual major in both history and political science. The combination of the two has given me experiences I would never have thought possible. I have just completed an internship at the Nevada State Legislature with Assemblyman Tick Segerblom, worked on legislation, have had personal introductions with state dignitaries, and watched the legislation I worked on be signed into law (AB 408).

Coupling these highly informational experiences with my education, I hope to be successfully admitted into law school before the end of the next school year. Without being able to afford the necessary classes it would be impossible to graduate within my four-year goal. Thankfully with the assistance this scholarship has given me I will be able to fulfill this goal and graduate with a dual degree in history and political science and a minor in museum studies in May 2012.

Again, I thank you for your generous scholarship and am grateful for its assistance in the completion of my education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Travis', with a stylized, cursive script.

Derek Travis

Fall 2011

Dear Heather Hardy:

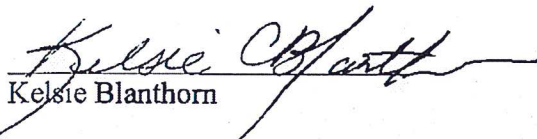
Firstly, I would like to take the time to thank-you for recognizing my academic achievements in the College of Liberal Arts and your contribution there-forth. I am the recipient of the Carrie B. Layman Scholarship.

I was born in Las Vegas but lived in Goldfield, Nevada for two years before moving to Round Mountain, Nevada. When I was six my family decided to move the family ranch in Grouse Creek, Utah where I attended a K-10 school until I was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. My family moved to Spring Creek, Nevada where my mom was offered a teaching position. In high school I was very involved in sports and balanced four varsity sports with maintaining an above 4.0 GPA (weighted) throughout my high school career. Before graduating I had developed an obsession with history novels, ranging from Alexander the Great to World War II.

The University of Nevada, Reno has only expanded my areas of interest in History and its involvements with politics, philosophy, and humanity. I've developed a profound interest in all of these areas during my sophomore year of college and decided to become a double major in History as well as Philosophy. My love for history caused me to want to study abroad in one of the most historically filled countries in Europe, Italy. Travelling abroad helped me to focus which direction I wanted to take both of my degrees, hopefully being able to incorporate both into a career that involves traveling, compromising, and researching.

This scholarship is awarded to me at such a wonderful time, as I become more involved into my majors and delve into upper-level courses I find the time to work and study becomes very hectic and only fuels to my stress level. This scholarship will help to alleviate some of the pressure and help me focus on my studies, research, and elementary school volunteering. I am very appreciative to the University for opening my eyes to such wonderful experiences within the world as well as the College of Liberal Arts' recognition of my achievements, which is extremely rewarding even without a scholarship. Thank-you for assisting me in approaching my graduation and my future goals of a Ph.D.

Sincerely,

  
Kelsie Blanthorn