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Organization's General Goals:

Founded in 1888 in a vibrant port city in the Pacific Northwest, the University of Puget Sound is an independent, residential, and predominantly undergraduate liberal arts college, with graduate programs in education and health sciences.

Date of Award:

2017 Q2

Level:

\$2,500 to \$5,000

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Ms. Marilyn Sheldon
Director
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contribution Fund
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Dear Marilyn:

It is my pleasure to write to you today with a report on the impact of the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund's generous grant to University of Puget Sound. In the 2017-18 academic year, the [REDACTED] grant was awarded to Katie Shammel '18 of the Flathead Tribe in Western Montana. Katie is a sociology and anthropology and Spanish language and literature double major. For her senior thesis, Katie conducted research in Central Washington, analyzing US immigration policies and their impact on race and ethnic relations in minority populations. She will present her research at the Pacific Sociological Association Conference this spring. This research builds in part on her semester spent abroad in Spain last year.

Outside of academics, Katie works at the university's athletics facilities as an athletic training aide. In Summer 2016, she was an intern with a local non-profit organization, Degrees of Change. Katie plans to pursue a career in immigration law and recently accepted a job as bilingual administrative support at the Victim Rights Law Center in Portland, Oregon.

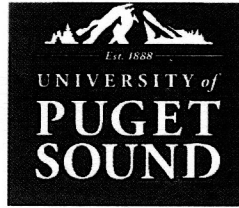
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At Puget Sound, we believe that financial barriers should not stand in the way of opportunity and have long been committed to increasing access to college for all, and particularly for those who are from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education. With the help of community partners such as the Tulalip Tribes, we are able to provide students with immediate financial relief.

We are so grateful for the support of community partners like the Tulalip Tribes. Together, we can help students to pursue and achieve their dreams. For additional information about our report, you may reach me at 253.879.2925 or epopenuck@pugetsound.edu. The university's website can be found at pugetsound.edu.

Sincerely,

Betty Popenuck
Coordinator, Corporate and Foundation Relations



Dear Tulalip Tribes of Washington,

My name is Katie Shammel, I am the student that was awarded with the 2017-2018 Tulalip Tribe Scholarship. I wanted to take a moment and express how truly grateful I am for your generosity and commitment to helping students like myself thrive in college and achieve in the larger world. I am a senior studying Sociology, Anthropology, and Spanish language and literature, and have a great passion for serving underrepresented communities. Over the last four years at Puget Sound, I have taken several courses which have opened up my mind and broadened my perspective on the world, and my place in it. I have learned what a great privilege it is to have the opportunity to attend a higher learning institution, and apply the skills I have gained from this time into the world upon graduation in May.

There are many things I am proud to have accomplished over my years as a Logger. I am proud of the connections I have made in both my personal and professional life. I am proud of the challenges and triumphs that I have faced that have helped mold me into the person I am today, and will continue to help me pave my way to achieve my goals. One of these proud moments is currently being demonstrated in my year-long thesis. Over the last several months, I have been following a mobile home crisis taking place in Central Washington, and analyzing US immigration policy to make assertions on the ways in which this policy influences the race and ethnic relations of minority populations around the nation. It has been with this project that I have not only been able to test many of the skills I have attained from my areas of study, but also use these skills to connect to a population outside of the Puget Sound community and relate to their experiences. I feel a great deal of pride in my research, and the doors it has opened for both my personal and

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professional life. On a personal level, I have increased my interpersonal and bilingual communication skills, and established camaraderie with a group of individuals that I would not have otherwise had the chance to. On a professional level, this research is granting me the opportunity to present my findings at the Pacific Sociological Association Conference this Spring, opening up doors for more connection to people with similar research passions and ambition. In addition to my research, I also took the opportunity last Spring to study abroad in Granada, Spain. This semester served as a pivotal point in not only my Puget Sound career, but also in my life. Over the course of my five months in Europe, I learned endless lessons about myself and how I adapt to change, and face certain difficulties that come with life—not to mention finding the best recipes for paella and sangria. I took classes on Spanish politics, Spanish culture, advanced grammar, Islamic culture, as well as civilization of Latin America. To this day, I remain in contact with many of the individuals that I encountered during my time in Granada, and am extremely grateful for the learning experiences I gained from living outside my own culture and comfort zone.

Another pivotal element of my Puget Sound experience has been my work study job in the Athletic Training Room serving as an athletic training aide for the last four years. In this position, I have been able to provide hydration and medical assistance to every varsity team on campus, stand on sidelines for support, and learn more about the human body than I thought ever possible. More than anything, however, my time working as an athletic training aide has helped me foster a web of invaluable personal connections and experiences. Some of my most memorable moments of college have been on the field with the football in the pouring rain, or giving treatment to athletes that start as strangers but turn into friends. I have had the privilege of working in a fun, instructive

environment that not only has helped me identify some of my professional skills, but also supports my passion of athletics and physical health.

Outside of the training room, Puget Sound has also helped me develop my professional skills through internships and clubs. In the Summer of 2016, I was fortunate to be selected as a participant for the University's Summer Immersion Internship Fellowship program. Under this program, I had the opportunity to work at a non-profit organization called Degrees of Change and channel my passion for social justice. This organization provides full scholarships and trainings to underrepresented students so they have the opportunity to first attend college, and then return to improve their neighborhoods and the larger world. From this work, I have learned the value of an education, and understood how incredible it is to attend a University such as Puget Sound and develop into not only a better academic, but a better person.

While all of these experiences may appear distinct from one another, they share one important component in common: they would not have been possible without incredible financial support. With your generosity, I have been able to learn, experience, and absorb more than I ever imagined I could throughout my four years at Puget Sound. As a high school senior, I had great ambitions and aspirations to attend a University that would support my academic needs, and help me develop into a better individual. However, because college is so expensive, I did not know if this would be possible. Nonetheless, I took a leap of faith in Puget Sound, and hoped that the outcome would outweigh the risk. It has done that and more. Puget Sound has helped me cultivate my opinions, shown me how to articulate my personal passions and convictions, and provided me with an environment that I will be truly sad to leave in May. However, as sad as it can be to think about leaving a place like this, I am even more excited to utilize the skills that I have worked for and begin the next step of my life as I pursue a career in immigration law. I am excited to begin

paving a new path in the larger world, one that is bigger than myself and advocate for the rights of marginalized populations in the nation.

I am extremely honored and humbled to receive the Tulalip Tribe Scholarship this year. I will never be able to truly express what this support means to me. While this scholarship is providing me with great financial support, this scholarship also serves as a symbol to me that the work that I do matters, and that even in moments of doubt, the heart and soul that I put into this work is worth it. I am inspired by the generosity that you have given to me, and strive to demonstrate the same in my own life.

Thank you again for your support of my academic life. I will be forever grateful for this kindness, and will apply the skills and lessons that I have learned as a student into the rest of my life as an agent of change.

Warmest regards,

Katie Shammel