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Mr. John Schroeder Barbara Wernecke Durkin Scholarship c/o Bill Durkin Husband of Barbara Wernecke 82 Bald Cypress Court Pawleys Island, SC 29585

Dear Class of '62 Scholarship Fund,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making me the recipient of the Barbara Wernecke Award. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

I am attending Saint John's University, majoring in Drama with a minor in Marketing. As an aspiring working actress, I hope to create, express, enjoy and discover not only myself but also the world around me. Barbara Wernecke Durkin's story has inspired me to better myself, to embrace my culture and to share my journey with those silent voices. I want to rally for my community, for my friends, for myself, and for our future.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and support. This scholarship has lightened financial burdens which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Just as Barbara Wernecke Durkin has taught us all to do, I hope to one day make a difference in many people's lives.

Sincerely,

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