

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bousquet,

My name is Rebecca Keller, and I am a recipient of the Laurence G. Bousquet 1977 and Lauri Pepe Bousquet Scholarship Fund, and I am a current freshman at Kenyon College from Cleveland, Ohio. I chose to attend Kenyon because it is a rigorous and prestigious college that places emphasis on rigorous academics and intimate class discussions. As an introvert, I have found that I am thriving on the small and rural campus, which is breathtakingly beautiful, especially during the fall. The smaller population size has allowed me to utilize the various and pleasant spaces on campus and create very meaningful connections and friendships with my fellow peers. I also chose Kenyon because I wanted a well-rounded liberal arts education. Although I plan to major in the sciences, I believe that writing, communication, interpretation, and problem-solving skills offer a more rounded education and allow for a more diverse career path. Thus far, I have taken a diverse range of classes, and I look forward to being able to continue taking a wide variety of different classes while simultaneously focusing on classes for my major. Receiving financial assistance to attend Kenyon means that I will be able to receive this liberal college education at the school I have dreamed of attending since I was in middle school. This scholarship makes a difference in my life because I would not have been able to afford Kenyon otherwise. With the capacity to be here, walk the campus, and attend my classes every day, I constantly remind myself how fortunate I am to be attending. In my first year here at Kenyon, I feel as if I have already accomplished so much, and my experiences have given me great hope and passion for the following years to come. I intend to major in chemistry, biology, or neuroscience, and this year, I have taken introductory chemistry classes and labs alongside medieval and modern European history and the modern French language. Outside of the classroom, I am involved in the Kenyon Chamber Singers Choir ensemble, and I like to read, draw, and journal in my free time. Next year, I will be a community advisor for the fall semester for incoming freshmen. After Kenyon, I hope to pursue higher education, whether it be medical school, dental school, or graduate school with the hopes of pursuing a career in healthcare or research. Again, I am very grateful for the financial assistance I have received to attend Kenyon College, and I look forward to a gratifying rest of my freshman year and college experience.

With gratitude,
Rebecca J. Keller

P.S. Below is a picture of my new Kenyon friends and me, myself being the leftmost.

