

December 28th 2018

Dear Mr. Christopher Cole,

I am honored to be the recipient of the William and Helen Scarpino Veterans Promise Program Grant. My name is Juan Ramirez, and I am currently deployed out of the country with the United States Army National Guard. The news of your generous donation was quite a surprise, and I cannot begin to explain how much I appreciate your help.

While my original plans were to begin attending classes at Ventura College in the Spring in person, I will instead be utilizing internet classes. I am taking three classes, all in the field of Criminal Justice. After completing Army OSUT boot camp back in May of 2018, I quickly realized that it would immensely benefit my future endeavors to have a degree as well. While deployed, my immediate plans are to get the Criminal Justice Certificate of Achievement and then continue on to eventually earn a Bachelors Degree. I have wanted to become a law enforcement officer for all of my adult life, and it's why I chose to be a Military Police Officer in the Army. Having grown up in Goleta, California, I have had plenty of opportunities to witness the ways in which law enforcement can positively impact a community. I have also seen ways that law enforcement could be better to bring communities together. I believe that the biggest way to make an impact on society is to dive in and make a difference, yourself. My hope is to one day become a civilian law enforcement officer, helping to protect the community where I grew up, and where my wife and I will raise our children. With your donation, I feel reaffirmed that the path I am taking is warranted, justified, and supported.

Once again, I want to thank you for making this scholarship possible and for your generosity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan Ramirez', written in a cursive style.

Juan Ramirez