



June 7, 2019

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Dear John,

The first time I met Samantha she was preparing to drop out of school.

It's not because she had missed too many classes or neglected her homework.

Samantha ran out of financial aid and needed \$1,000 to pay for the final class she needed to graduate. Thankfully, UMSL has a resource designated for students in Samantha's position.

This is where you can help. Your donation to the Finish Your Degree Scholarship will get students like Samantha across the graduation stage.

Samantha is like many UMSL students. Her parents aren't able to help with tuition. She works 30 hours a week to support herself – sometimes barely making ends meet. You or a classmate may have been in a similar situation when you were in school. I'm sure you can imagine the anguish a student in Samantha's position must feel.

You have an amazing opportunity to be the reason a student puts on a cap and gown to graduate instead of deferring their education, only hoping to come back someday.

The Finish Your Degree Scholarship is available to seniors with financial need and a 2.5 or higher grade point average. Students must use the money for educational expenses. Since the scholarship was established in 2013, it has empowered more than 200 students to earn their diplomas, making a lasting difference for them, their families, and our community.

A typical three-credit hour course is 30 days of classes per semester. The cost of one day for the course including books and supplies is \$40. **Will you help a student pay for one day of class?**

Registration for the fall semester is happening now. Your generosity today will help a student who is at risk of dropping out for financial reasons to return to school this August. And, like Samantha, the reason could be because of lack of funds to pay for just one class.

I know you care about UMSL students and the excellent, affordable education they receive. As a donor, you've shown you share the value of an UMSL education. More students need your help.

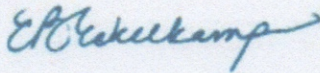
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I'm asking you to make a contribution now because the need is significant. The Finish Your Degree scholarship funds are below \$10,000 and currently we are unable to assist all of the students who could use our help. Will you renew your support **before June 30**? Without your donation, students are at risk of putting their education on hold.

Thank you for your support last year! Because of you, more than 1,500 UMSL students earned their degrees last month, now prepared to make their marks in big and small ways on the futures of their communities.

Your kindness this year to the Finish Your Degree Scholarship will be the difference for a student between graduating and falling short of crossing the finish line. Thank you for being as generous as you can.

Most gratefully,



Elizabeth Eckelkamp
Associate Provost for Student Success
Teaching Professor of Japanese

P.S. Samantha needed one class to graduate. Then she ran out of money. Help her and other students struggling financially to finish their degrees.

YES! I want to help students in danger of not graduating because of finances. Here's my gift for the Finish Your Degree Scholarship:

- \$40 - one class day
- \$80 - two class days
- \$120 - three class days
- Other \$ _____

Direct my gift to:

- Finish Your Degree Scholarship (400201)
- Scholarship for _____

Name of College/School/Department

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- I made updates on the back.
- I submitted a class note on the back.

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To make a gift online, please visit giving.umsl.edu

Class Notes – Let us know what's new!

Please do not publish my news in the UMSL Magazine.

Please update your information

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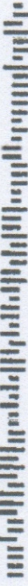
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