

“Thank you for sharing your story. As a single mother who literally had no help from family or anyone else, I admire your tenacity in pursuing your education. I will donate something to help you or anyone else out during these uncertain times. From one woman to another don't give up and keep moving forward. It eventually all works out!”

Sincerely,

Gina [REDACTED]

“Hi Shakenya, how are you doing.? Glad to see you're continuing at WIU. Hope your semester goes well. I'll be supporting you.”

Kate [REDACTED]

“Wow! What a nice thoughtful message Sarah!”

Sue [REDACTED]

“Danielle, I'm glad I could help. You played a part of one of my favorite pieces. Also have a soft spot in my heart for Music Education that I taught for 25 years.

Be safe and be well as you continue at WIU.”

Nancy [REDACTED]

“Thanks for the video, Sarah. Sending best wishes on your senior year and career that follows. When I left WIU in 1969 I taught high school art in the Chicago area. Later for most of my career I was in an art museum as the designer and coordinator of exhibitions and then as the director of a college art gallery. Wonderful work. And it all started at WIU. Throughout all those years I've been a serious exhibiting artist and father. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do it all.”

Dane [REDACTED]

“Really great to hear a personal thank you! I plan to make a donation to the President's Scholarship Fund soon. Always wish it could be more but know it is put to good use. Go Necks!”

Dave [REDACTED]

“Thank you so much for your kind words.”

Muhammad [REDACTED]

“Hi, Brett, what a nice video to view this morning.

When I got back from Vietnam in 1972, I started back at WIU that fall quarter. I intended to major in English with a minor in sociology. Writing has been very important to me over the years, so the English major certainly helped. Sociology was my minor but because of how much it intrigued me, it, too, became a major. Sociology provided the foundation for my management consulting work I've been doing over the last 30 years and especially instilling in me systemic thinking.

Ken Mietus was MY favorite professor. We've had sporadic contact over the last several years. I think I'll reach out to him again soon.

Thanks again for the video, Brett, and I will continue to support WIU.

I wish you the best.”

Gary [REDACTED]

“Thank you! I liked the video. I am expecting to donate again for the 2020-21 school year. Send me the form and I will return it with my donation.”

Craig [REDACTED]

“I will support Western again this year.”

Paul [REDACTED]

“This was a very nice message. Thank you and my very best wishes to the young lady who sent it.”
Curt [REDACTED]

“Would like to donate another \$25.00”
Sikander [REDACTED]

“I’m so happy I can help a little. I received scholarships back in 1967, which allowed me to go to college. I was an English major, home ec minor. I taught English and journalism for 13 years, and then after catastrophic losses in my life, I moved all by myself to be with an aunt in Silicon Valley in 1983 -started selling real estate. I retired 2 years ago after a stellar career in real estate. I want to inspire all of you to keep going and dream no matter what happens.”
Jeannie [REDACTED]

“Please tell Michael that we appreciate this personal thanks via video. How novel. You can count on us for another donation which we write out in December of every year.”
Lorrie and Kevin [REDACTED]

“This is great! Thank you so much! I will see what I can do to help support this, again.”
Linda [REDACTED]

“I appreciated your video; study hard & stay safe!!!”
David [REDACTED]

“That was a nice thing to do. It's my pleasure to help Western and the students with a gift that will help toward their education.”
Ken [REDACTED]

“You're welcome Jennifer. I didn't give a lot and I will give a little more this year.”
William [REDACTED]

“Thank you for the video message. You had me from the start as my daughter's name is Erin. Of course, I will renew my support for WIU. I know it's not a lot of money but through the years it has amounted to thousands! As one of my most respected professors I will contribute to the Dr., Robert Henry scholarship fund.”
Larry [REDACTED]