

Robert B. Read Memorial Scholarship Update

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To our dear family and friends,

You have all been there for us every step of the way, therefore, on behalf of the United Way of Long Island, Tyler, Casey, and I would like to provide an update and introduce you to some of the extraordinary students who have been awarded the Robert B. Read Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The inaugural Robert B. Read Memorial Scholarship recipients have successfully completed their freshman year at the University of Michigan. Created to support Long Island high school seniors attending this prestigious university, the scholarship provides financial assistance to students to help reach their educational goals.

As you know, Bob was a mentor and role model to many and through this scholarship, his dedication to helping others along their career path will continue.

These scholarships are part of Bob's legacy, particularly at Michigan where Tyler and Casey attended. To Bob, their graduation days were some of the proudest of his life.

Please meet these outstanding recipients of the Robert B. Read Memorial Scholarship:



Robert B. Read Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Lance



United Way of Long Island is proud to announce Lance, a graduating senior from Wantagh High School, as the newest recipient of the Robert B. Read Memorial Scholarship. Lance plans to major in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Michigan.

Congratulations, Lance!

Xiaoya



For Xiaoya, being a recipient of the Robert B. Read Memorial Scholarship meant more than financial support. It was a vote of confidence that pushed Xiaoya to explore outside her comfort zone and gain independence.

"You do a lot of self-discovery in your first year..." Xiaoya said. "It's always nice to know people are supporting you on your journey."

With the emotional boost from her scholarship, Xiaoya was able to take advantage of all campus life offers. Her experience was enriched by organizations and activities like the Vietnamese Student Association's Lunar New Year celebration. With her sophomore year approaching, Xiaoya is looking forward to deeper learning in her neuroscience major and more unique opportunities at U-M's iconic campus. "I feel like I have an exciting path now," Xiaoya said.

Colleen

Nearly every memory that Colleen has of her freshman year is infused with school spirit, U-M style.

"School spirit is huge and beyond what I could have imagined," Colleen said. "The school feels so alive on Saturdays."

And, while a Big Ten Championship season in football makes the campus even more boisterous, Colleen also found Maize and Blue spirit spilling over into the classroom, as she embarked on her major in Industrial and Operations Engineering (IOE). "IOE is the business of engineering," Colleen said.

Colleen is thankful for the Robert B. Read Memorial Scholarship that empowered her to choose Michigan, reduce financial stress, and focus more on her studies. "The scholarship definitely influenced my decision," Colleen said, "and now, it helps me to be present when I'm on campus."



Aren't these students extraordinary!

Bob's legacy lives on in so many ways, because of all of you. Please consider joining our family in continuing Bob's legacy for years to come by clicking on the link below.

With our gratitude, Michele, Tyler and Casey