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Katie H. (J)
Elementary and Special Education
Olympia, Washington

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Alaina K. (J)
Business Administration
Rainier, Washington

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Lilia B. (J)
Business Management
Elma, Washington

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Lyubov P. (So)
Business Administration, Finance
Tacoma, Washington

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Ahmadou S. (Sr)
Business Management
Seattle, Washington

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Felicia K. (So)
Business Administration
Shelton, Washington

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Joseph P. (So)
History, Political Science
Renton, Washington

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Jason B. (J)
Civil Engineering
Lakewood, Washington

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Candice M. (J)
Community Services
Tenino, Washington

Lilia

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, Institutional Aid, Loans

I am the first member in my family's history to graduate from high school or attend a university. My goal is to be a leading example for my younger brothers and the youth of my community.

Financial aid is a gift, an opportunity that has helped me appreciate the value of education and the freedom of knowledge.

I would like to thank Uriel Iniguez and Sen. Don Swecker for their support of education and human rights.

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Alaina

State Need Grant, Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, Loans

Growing up I didn't think that I was going to be able to attend college. I had the grades, but I came from a single parent household and money was always tight. Although my mom had told me that college was possible I didn't believe that I would ever be able to afford it. Then I learned about all of the wonderful aid that was offered through the government such as the State Need Grant and Pell Grant. Because of aid I was able to attend college and build a better future for myself.

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Katie

State Need Grant, Pell Grant, FSEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

I am a married mother of two. My husband owns his own carpentry business, which was severely affected by the recession. I returned to school to complete my degree. Without the assistance of state and federal financial aid...there is no way that my family could afford to pay for my tuition or books otherwise. I am very thankful for this help that will allow me to attend school to make a better life for my family and to contribute to my community in positive ways.

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Felicia

State Need Grant, Pell, Institutional Aid, Loans

I grew up in a really small town with really big dreams of being in the corporate business world. I knew that I had to work hard in school and at a job to pay for college because my family is unable to help me. I remember opening up my first financial aid award letter and crying because I was so happy and relieved to know that all my hard work and state grants were the first major steps getting me closer to my dream.

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Ahmadou

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, FSEOG, Institutional Aid, Loans

President of the Associated Students of Saint Martin's University

"Don't tell me the sky is the limit, there are footprints on the moon."
Anonymous

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Lyubov

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, Institutional Aid, Loans

Knowledge is my passion. I have always had a eagerness to learn and explore outside of my bubble. Saint Martin's University is the place that provides full details to my exploration. It's changing my life everyday and without financial aid I would never have attended Saint Martin's University.

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Candice

State Need Grant, Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, Loans

I dropped out of high school at 17 with a 4.0 average. I ended up living on the streets. Doing things I would rather not admit. When I got pregnant in 2006 my whole world changed. I moved in with my parents and tried to get my life back together. I started at Centralia College and financial aid was able to support me and my son. When I graduated with an A.A. (Criminal Justice), a very wise professor recommended I just go talk to 4 year colleges. I was accepted at St. Martin's and help came with the Washington State Need Grant, Federal Loans, and other financial aid. I now am able to provide for my son the way a mother should. I feel confident that every night my son will have food to eat and a warm home to be proud of.

Jason

State Need Grant, Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, Loans

I just got married in August of 2010 and the money that I receive from financial aid has allowed me to get by on a day-to-day basis while I try to focus on school.

As a civil engineer I will have a lot of responsibility when it comes to my work and the general public. Part of the reason I chose to become an engineer is so that I would have an opportunity to contribute to society.

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Joseph

State Need Grant, Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, Loans

Thank you for supporting legislation that enables me the opportunity to achieve a college degree and receive higher education (a degree and an education are not always one in the same). This support gives me a shot at a far richer intellectual, physical and spiritual life than is otherwise possible. This enriching of my life and abilities opens doors for me in the work place where I can make my own impact on our world, and hopefully assist others in their lives in the years to come

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Mike G. (Staff)

*2010 grad and Financial Aid staff
Lacey, Washington*

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Andrew B. (J)

*Mechanical Engineering
Lacey, Washington*

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Brittany T. (F)

*English, Secondary Education, Writing
Yakima, Washington*

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Jasmine D. (F)

*English, Political Science
Fort Lewis, Washington*

Brittany

State Need Grant, Work-Study, Pell, Institutional Aid, Loans

I want to be an educator, teaching the next generation so that they are able to change the world in their own ways. I also would love to be an author. Both of those goals of mine will make me inspire another. I love being inspired by others and I would love to hear that I was someone's inspiration.

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Andrew

State Need Grant, Pell, Institutional Aid, Loans

I want to be a mechanical engineer, improving our world so that I can leave this world a better place than when I came. I am one out of nine siblings. I took a year off to save up for college. With the assistance of state and federal financial aid I am able to focus more on completing my degree than worrying about how I am going to pay for an education. I am very grateful to be able to reach out and benefit others through my knowledge and actions.

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Mike

State Need Grant, Pell Grant, Work-Study, Institutional Aid, Loans

I was the first one in my family to have ever gone to college. Because I knew how much financial aid had changed my future, I wanted to see students receive the same treatment and I joined the financial aid team at Saint Martin's after graduating. As a student and now as staff, I have expanded myself in ways that would have never been possible were it not for financial aid. I thank all who are responsible federal and state wide programs. Consider this not only from me, but all students whose lives have been changed.

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Jasmine

Work-Study, Pell, Institutional Aid, Military benefits, Loans

As a freshman, I haven't thought of an exact plan yet, so for now I am just trying to hold a positive attitude around my peers and inform them about things they can do that can affect them for the future. I also give back to the community by volunteering and just learning as much as I can so that I can pass it on to others who do not know.

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