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Mr. Doug Leard
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Dear Mr. Leard,

RE: PG Citizenship Award (Class of '75)

On behalf of the Point Grey Secondary community, I would like to thank you for supporting our graduates with your generous donation. Although we were not able to hold our traditional graduation event at the Chan Centre, or permitted to have our donors on site to present awards, we were nevertheless able to provide a unique and memorable experience for our graduates. By all accounts, it was a successful event where students were still able to cross the red carpet in our school's auditorium to receive their diploma, awards and scholarships. We are most appreciative of your ongoing support and recognition of our graduates in celebration of their success. This recognition by you means a great deal to our students, parents and school community.

Enclosed, you will find a photograph of Heather Lu, who was the recipient of this year's award, in commemoration of the occasion.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Akrap
Principal

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Dear Mr. Doug Leard,

Thank you for choosing me, Heather Lu, as the recipient of the Point Grey Class of '75 Citizenship Award. Receiving this award has given myself and my family great joy and pride in the hard work I put in my five year long high school career.

Ever since my first day at school, I have strived to give it my all and accomplish my goals. At Point Grey, I took on various opportunities within the school community through which I gained many lasting memories. From joining student council in grade 8 to competing in the BC Ski & Snowboard Provincials at Smithers as the only Point Grey female snowboarder to helping teachers with small tasks here and there, I have built a foundation strengthened by knowledge and nurturing relationships here at Point Grey that I know will support me through my new journeys beyond high school.

Outside of school, I have worked as a lifeguard and swimming instructor at the Robert Lee YMCA since the start of grade 11. I grew up taking swim lessons and going to the YMCA pool every week with my swimming-loving dad. So naturally, my love for swimming grew into an interest and ultimately a goal to become a lifeguard. Teaching swim lessons came with the job, but I have ended up enjoying teaching more than lifeguarding. Spending time with so many tiny bundles of joys and seeing your swim kids grow every week in confidence and fitness as their swimming skills improve makes my job more of a blessing than a chore and for that I am very lucky. Entering the new world of work has taught me a lot about interacting in professional settings and has made me realize how different the professional adult world is from my comfortable student life. Having to familiarize myself with this new setting while also trying to manage my school and social lives has given me invaluable experiences that I believe have helped equip me for my new post-secondary life. Since the summer of 2020, I have also been volunteering almost every Thursday at a place called *Kits Cares Café*. There, we bag up various fresh produce and other pre-packaged foods and distribute them to anyone who comes by. We mostly serve low-income and homeless people who cannot fully support themselves, especially during the hard times of COVID. I will admit, I started volunteering here with the mindset of boosting my university applications. However, after nearly a year now, I have grown to truly enjoy and treasure the true meaning of this volunteer position; an opportunity like this for me to be able to help others in need and hopefully bring an extra bit of joy into their lives is something that I am truly grateful for.

In September, I will be starting my undergraduate at UBC in the faculty of Science. I hope to eventually major in Biology or anything closely related to the human body as my ultimate goal is to make it into medical school and become a surgeon. My favourite school subject has always been Science, and I have a keen interest in human anatomy and physiology. Although I am not very extroverted, I do very much enjoy working with and helping others and I have always admired the altruistic work that doctors do. The financial assistance given to me by you through this scholarship will help me in reaching this goal and support me through my post-secondary years. I promise to work hard and to put your generosity to good use.

Sincerely,
Heather Lu