

Progress Report
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SNUCMAA's support of my law school education has impacted me immensely. One of the most crucial ways that I was able to use the scholarships was by contributing to various extracurricular activities, each of which have supplemented my education in significant ways. As a member in Berkeley Law's Asian American Journal, I have had the tremendous opportunity to be part of a journal that introduces and publicizes some of the Asian American community's most pressing issues. Working closely with prestigious academics, my organization has worked tirelessly so that we can publish a series of these articles in our annual publication. Going through the process of smaller elements like learning how to edit legal academia to dissecting the issues that these papers represent more generally have provided skills that I know will be useful to me as an attorney. Additionally, through the scholarship, I was additionally able to become a member of Berkeley Law's Asian Pacific American Law Students Association. By becoming a member of this organization, I was able to gain access to countless academic counseling panels, networking events with established attorneys, and most importantly, a community where I have truly met some of my closest friends.

Perhaps more than anything however, the symbolic gesture of the scholarship has enhanced my academic endeavors because it reminds me that there is a community like SNUCCMA that has placed a vote of confidence in my future. This, I believe, is the most powerful effect of the scholarship. Law school, particularly the first year, is grueling. There have been so many times in just the past five months that I have felt defeated and even come close to quitting. It is an educational institution whose rigor is far beyond any stresses and difficulties that I have ever faced before. During the long nights that I nearly succumbed to this hardship, the reminder that SNUCC-MA deliberately chose to invest in my education and success became the

fuel that I needed to pick myself up, reenergize, and remember the reason and passion that I first came to law school with.

With this in mind, my hopes to aid my community in the future as an attorney have not changed. In fact, they have expanded. Law school has validated my notion as an undergraduate student that attorneys possess an extremely sought after and useful set of skills that can be used in service to the public. As I learn the doctrines of criminal law and civil procedure, I am constantly reminded that I am actually engaging in the building blocks to become a capable attorney to aid those around me. One avenue that I truly hope to pursue following graduation is providing legal aid to juvenile delinquents. Juvenile delinquents often come from homes that are broken and are financially unable to afford quality legal aid. One thing that law school has taught me is not only that there are few attorneys who can truly provide excellent representation, but it has also taught me that that is often prohibitively expensive. I hope to use my background and profession to aid children who often are not provided with a fair second chance and whose families are unable to pay for top-notch legal representation. More than anything else in my plans as an attorney, the cornerstone of my aspirations as an attorney is precisely that – to use my education to serve the underprivileged and those in need.