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To the Seoul National University College of Medicine Alumni Association,

My name is Juliet Kim, and I am a first-year medical student at the NYU Long Island School of Medicine. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to become a part of your extended family via this scholarship. I am the first in my family to go to college and also the first to pursue a medical degree, and so it is even more meaningful to me to be receiving this scholarship from the physician alumni of the prestigious Seoul National University. I knew I wanted to be a doctor for most of my life, but as I got older I started to realize that the high cost of medical education could actually be a significant barrier to achieving my dream. My mother had been the only source of income for our family for many years due to a car accident that disabled my father, and so we both would have had to take out an exorbitant amount of loans in order to pay for medical school. I was thus incredibly fortunate in being accepted to the NYU Long Island School of Medicine, which provides students full-tuition scholarships for the three years of our accelerated program. Despite this generous scholarship, there are still significant costs associated with attending medical school, including housing and health insurance. As such, I am grateful that this scholarship helps to offset these costs, giving me more freedom to pursue my academic goals and lessening the financial burden on my family.

I am very excited for this opportunity to become more involved with the vibrant Korean-American community. Being chosen as a recipient of the SNUCMAA scholarship is especially meaningful because it gives me an opportunity to connect with individuals whom I consider role models: Korean-American physicians who are leaders in their fields and continue to diversify the face of American medicine. I deeply appreciate the fact that not only have you led by example to set the stage for future generations of Korean-Americans to successfully pursue our dreams of becoming physicians, but you have also personally committed to helping students achieve their dreams by providing them financial support. You inspire me to dream of one day also being able to give back to the Korean-American community and helping aspiring physicians to achieve their goals.

Thank you again, and I look forward to being able to update you with more good news in the future! Happy holidays, and I hope the New Year brings you and your families joy and good health!

Sincerely,

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