

The scholarship award notification from SNUCMMA truly couldn't have arrived at a more perfect time. Being a month into my new journey of college, the amusement had started to wear off, and I was faced with the reality of financial burden. On a morning with endless calls with my parents and the financial aid office, the email brought a sense of ease I had not been able to feel before. With the scholarship, I was able to pay a portion of my tuition, which greatly supported my family's circumstances. Because of SNUCMMA's financial support I have been able to approach my education with more purpose and ambition. Joining academic clubs such as Villanova Finance Group and Villanova Consulting Group, I have been able to educate myself in the career paths I am interested in. Participating in stock pitches, being on a consulting team for Urban Outfitters, and delivering many group presentations, I have had the great honor of maximizing my college learning experience. I am incredibly grateful to be at a school with a great alumni network where I can receive mentorship and a secure pathway to an esteemed career. Additionally, being a part of the honors program allows me to take honors specific courses, and surrounding myself among driven students has been an amazing community to be a part of. I have met great classmates who motivate me to be the best version of myself, and I am proud to say it has paid off, as I ended with a 4.0 GPA on the Dean's List this fall semester. Outside of academics I've immersed myself into the community at Villanova continuing to volunteer and serve. I joined Blue key, volunteering as a campus tour guide to prospective students. It has been wonderful to be able to guide high school students navigate the college process as I know how stressful it can be. I also continue my volunteer work with the club Community Outreach of Villanova at a community farm every week to increase food security and health initiatives. Additionally, I am an ambassador for the Villanova School of Business, tabling every week to help any students with any questions or concerns. Another community I have joined is my sorority, Alpha Phi, which has been an amazing opportunity to be surrounded by women supporting a great philanthropy of women's heart health. Words can not describe the totality of the meaningful experiences I have had at Villanova, and I am so grateful to say SNUCMMA has made it possible. I experienced firsthand how meaningful and life changing a helping hand can be, and I aspire to do the same for individuals in need like me in the future. Once I achieve independent financial stability, I would love to be that helping hand myself. Donating to foundations that make scholarship opportunities like these available, or offering mentorship to students like me to a stable career path, it would be the greatest honor to bring a sense of peace and security to someone's life. Thank you SNUCMMA for your support, and I will work my hardest to ensure your contributions are not in vain.



This photo is of my friend and I at my sorority's biggest philanthropy event, Red Dress Gala, to fundraise for women's heart health.