

Dear Frank Parker's friends and family,

As I wrap up my Sophomore year at the University of Washington, I find myself in awe of the opportunities I continue to come across because of the resources I have been provided. The Frank Parker Memorial scholarship has enabled me to explore clubs, apply to internships, take graduate classes in my favorite subjects, and has motivated me to push myself in all that I do.

This past year has been a wild ride of unexpected opportunities that have challenged me and allowed me to fall deeper in love with engineering, aerospace, and the world around me. I began my Sophomore year with an acceptance into Aeronautics and Astronautics at UW, a dream I have always aspired to achieve. I faced failures and successes both in and outside of the classroom. I became Chief Engineer for the engineering club I am in, Design Build Fly, and while I still feel unqualified at times I have learned about the importance of relationships as a leader and the technical skill it takes to drive the entire engineering process from setting requirements to testing a successful design. This has been one of my favorite things I have done in my life and I find so much fulfillment in the challenge it gives me both as a leader and an engineer. I am currently interning at Janicki Industries in Hamilton, Washington this summer, getting to work on the final assembly of aerospace fly-away parts and I am continuously learning every step of the way.

So to put it shortly, my Sophomore year has been a year of fulfilled dreams and blooming new dreams. I owe it to the Frank Parker Memorial Scholarship for enabling me the opportunity to experience every bit of this process.

Thank you Frank Parker Memorial Scholarship!

Best,

Natalie Hagerman