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Dear Richard Bulpitt Educational Award Scholarship Selection Committee:

Parent involvement has greatly influenced my education at home and at school throughout my elementary and high school years. Whether it be driving me to school in the morning, staying up late with me to finish a project, or helping out within my class at school, my parents have always been there for me. They have made my success at school a priority, and have undoubtedly helped teach me to value and be grateful for the educational opportunities I have been given.

Throughout elementary school, both my parents did a lot to help improve my quality of learning as well as to help me get as much out of my education as possible. In grades one through four, both my mom and dad helped out as reading parents, and with my dad being one of the only male parent readers, he provided a positive male role model for me and other male students within my class. My dad was also a hot lunch parent every year, going to pick up the lunches for all of the students. My mom and dad both helped each year with my school's "Fun Nights" with my dad manning the BBQ and my mom running one of the games in the classrooms. My dad volunteered for multiple ski trips through my grades four to seven, and drove kids to cross country meets on race days. My mom and dad volunteered for numerous field trips including trips to the Vancouver aquarium, the pumpkin patch, the ice rink, Al Anderson pool for the grade 5 swim program, and to Lochiel School. Every year I was eligible to compete at the annual district track meet, my dad volunteered to not only drive students to and from the meets, but also helped keep the meets running on time. My mom worked with several of my teachers to plan and facilitate art based classroom activities through out my elementary years. She also chaperoned my grade seven trip to Evan's Lake. In addition to helping out at the school, my mom also took me to the local library every week to ensure I always had a fresh supply of reading books to maintain and promote a love of reading.

Throughout high school, my mom has gone to every parent teacher interview since grade eight, and has contacted teachers to ensure that my school work is up to date and completed to the best of my ability. My mom has fund raised for many of my basketball tournaments and trips to Vancouver Island, as well as for various school field trips and Grad functions. Both of my parents have supported my dry-grad and have volunteered to support the setting up of the event. My mom has chaperoned basketball trips and drove kids to tournaments when needed.

Throughout my school years, I have competed in Langley Minor Hockey, Langley Mustangs Track and Field, and played on elementary, high school and club basketball teams. Because I have been so busy, my parents have been largely instrumental in helping me learn the importance of time management, good

organizational skills, and prioritizing commitments. They have taught me the intrinsic value of education, the importance of a strong work ethic, and to take pride in giving back to the community. My parents have also taught me to set long and short term goals, to always support my team and classmates, to think creatively, and most importantly, to believe in myself.

As I near graduation and get ready to leave high school, I am able to reflect on the countless hours my parents have put into helping me make the most of my educational opportunities. I feel ready to move into the next chapter and am excited to begin my post secondary education. I plan to pursue a degree in Engineering Sciences that will give me the opportunity to work collaboratively with others and continue to grow and learn so that I can become a successful, well rounded adult.

Thank you in advance for considering me for the Richard Bulpitt Educational Award. I look forward to hearing from you soon.