

PLUTO FUND AND RICHARD G. CORNELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**DR. MARK BECKER** 









December 15, 2022

Dear Dr. Becker,

I am pleased to send you the enclosed scholarship portfolio for the **Pluto Fund and Richard G. Cornell Scholarship Fund** at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. This portfolio includes your student scholarship recipient profile as well as impact information for fiscal year 2022.



As a donor, you play an instrumental role in providing opportunities for our students, faculty and programs. For over 80 years, Michigan Public Health has been pursuing a healthier, more equitable world, and your support allows our scholars and researchers to continue shaping public health practice and research. Your investment in future public health leaders makes it possible for the School of Public Health to work toward positive change and lasting public health solutions.

On behalf of Dean F. DuBois Bowman, the faculty, staff and all of our students, please accept my sincere gratitude. Thank you for investing in the Michigan Public Health community. Please feel free to contact me at 734-764-8093 or twagener@umich.edu if you have any questions.

Go Blue!

Tony Wagener

Chief Development Officer

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Scholarships enable all of us students to pursue our passions without financial constraints. The funding demonstrates that there are people who believe in our generation, who believe in giving back, and who believe in us to do good work.

There is a lot to be cynical and jaded about, and it is very easy to get burnt out in our field. But our donors have chosen to focus instead on all of the good that public health does; they are using their own personal resources to empower our mission and make an impact. That is inspiring, and for that, we are all extremely thankful."

Payton Watt, Class of 2022



## Matelyn Mason



**HOMETOWN** 

Lansing, MI

**EXPECTED YEAR**OF GRADUATION

2024

**DEPARTMENT** 

**Biostatistics** 

**DEGREE** 

MS

SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED Pluto Fund

WHO INSPIRES ME TO PURSUE PUBLIC HEALTH?

My grandfather, my mom, my friends and my dad. Dear Dr. Becker,

Thank you so much for your support! I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to study at the University of Michigan. The School of Public Health has provided me with great opportunities for personal and professional growth. I have met so many different people in my studies from all around the world and have had the privilege to be taught by some of the greatest professors I have ever had. I am interested in working in a hospital or governmental setting, evaluating the best treatments for patients or advising policies using health data. I honestly am not sure if I would be able to study here without this scholarship. It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life to study at the University of Michigan and be a part of this brilliant, passionate and caring community.

It makes me very emotional to think about how much of a difference this scholarship has made in my life. It has taken a burden off of me and my family who would not have been able to help me with funding for school no matter how much they want to. It has also empowered me to absorb the absolute most out of my academics.

—Matelyn Mason





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SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED Richard G. Cornell Scholarship Fund

WHO INSPIRES ME TO PURSUE PUBLIC HEALTH?

The amazing professors and researchers I've worked with.

## Caitlin Seibel

Dear Dr. Becker.

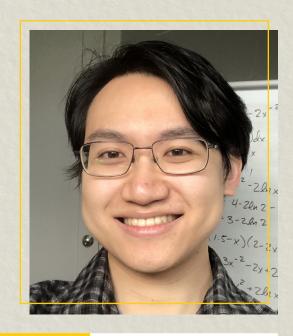
I am honored to receive the Richard G. Cornell Scholarship and I want to extend my sincere gratitude for making this generous scholarship possible. My name is Caitlin Seibel and I am a first-year Biostatistics MS student. I plan to pursue a career in this industry after I graduate. My research areas of interest include infectious disease modeling and statistical methods in epidemiology. So far my experience at the University of Michigan School of Public Health has been life changing and I am excited to see what the future holds.

Receiving this scholarship has greatly alleviated the financial stress of attending graduate school and has allowed me to focus on my education in this amazing program and for that I am very grateful. This allows me to spend more time focusing on pursuing my education and future career goals. I have had more time for networking and other new and exciting opportunities to help me achieve my goals and make the most out of my time here at University of Michigan School of Public Health. Thank you again for making this scholarship and my education at University of Michigan Biostatistics possible.

—Caitlin Seibel



## Fonathan Ta



**HOMETOWN** 

Las Vegas, NV

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SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED Richard G. Cornell Scholarship Fund

WHO INSPIRES ME TO PURSUE PUBLIC HEALTH?

All the people in the world who rise against inequity and discrimination. Dear Dr. Becker,

This is my first year at the University of Michigan. It's an exciting time brimming with new opportunities. I hope to earn a PhD and work in both research and education. Graduate school is a difficult endeavor for anyone, but one of the greatest stressors for many students is the high cost of education. With this scholarship, I can focus more of my attention on what I am really here for: learning. Like an investment, the extra efforts I can put in now, thanks to the scholarship, will help me build a strong foundation so I can contribute to the field of biostatistics and public health as a whole for the rest of my life. My dream is to be on the cutting edge of research while also bringing up a new generation of learners who will continue to delve into the unknown. Thank you for helping to make my dream possible.

—Jonathan Ta













Our future depends on the public health students of today.

Thank you for helping us build a better future.



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