Just like the millions of kids in my generation I struggled through the Covid-19 pandemic. I had my fair share of depression, struggles and difficulty with online learning. The difference is that Covid only reassured me of how badly I wanted to pursue higher education. I have dreamt of getting into Western Washington University since I was in 5th grade. All I would dream about was history, anything historically related has always fascinated me, to the point where I would fantasize about my adulthood and what kind of history profession I would pursue.

My desire to follow my dreams was only amplified by the Covid-19 pandemic. Trying to battle depression after the pandemic and struggling with school being back fully in person was challenging. I decided to try something new and joined drama, which is my other passion. I began as a Tech Crew member and ended up a lead. This year, I was one of the lead actors in The Wizard of Oz. I have lettered in drama for the last 3 years. I have gained many skills and made lifelong friendships. I never would have joined drama without facing the Covid-19 pandemic. It made me want more and to experience new things.

I was accepted into Western Washing University, and I cannot wait to begin my journey into higher education. I hope to take advantage of the study abroad program while pursuing my degree in history. Covid could have been my downfall, but instead it has propelled me into the next phase of my life. I am excited for what my future will be, and who I will become.