

I am Juliane Liberto, a 17-year old graduating senior from San Pasqual High School. My goal is to become a Forensic Biologist, graduating with a BS in Human Biology from a four-year university and then continuing my education at the graduate level in Forensic Biology. I have been admitted to the University of California at Merced where I can accomplish these goals.

My academic goals have been inspired by three science teachers: Mrs. Nordeen who introduced me to general science and the scientific community (under her teaching I received fourth place in the Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair), Mrs. Johanson who helped me develop consistency and methodology in research techniques, and Mrs. Hamilton who encouraged me to lift my eyes off the textbook and helped me really see the fascinating world of science and research. I will always remember their input into my life.

Currently, my biggest job is to gain financing for the cost of attendance at UCM. My single parent Mom recently permanently injured her spine; our family subsequently lost our income, college savings, and our home. With both my twin sister and I wanting to attend college in Fall 2010 it will a difficult task to accomplish funding for both of us. I have been applying to scholarships to help with the cost of college attendance.

I want to make a positive impact in my society; I want to use any scholarship funds to better my community and world through the application of Forensic Science. If my laboratory evaluation in a forensic case should bring justice to a single questionable indictment, I will have served the people of my community well.

Thank you for your generous scholarship opportunity to assist students to realize their dreams.