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Ms. Savanna Kohler
2611 E, 40th Court
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Re: East High-Class of 1956 Scholarship

Dear Savanna:

Thank you so very much for your kind card telling us how you plan to use our Class of 1956 Scholarship. We are very pleased that you are the recipient. You have picked a very important area of study for your career. Knowledge of computer science related subjects is essential today. Keep in mind when my class attended East High no one had even heard of a computer, let alone Web Development. Today, even at my age, it is hard to accomplish anything without some use of a computer.

Did you know that the very first computer was created at Iowa State University? They were not smart enough in those days to patent it. Had they done so perhaps you would be able to go there free today. When I was still an undergraduate student at Drake University, I was an Officer in the Iowa National Guard US Army Signal Corps. They required of us to attend training in the use of the first computer the Army had acquired. It took me all day just to learn how to write a program for the computer to tell me which of a series of numbers was the largest. It answered the question before I could take my finger off of the button. Now look where we are today. There is more computer power in my cell phone than in the computer that took the Astronauts to the Moon.

We use the Web daily even in my law firm. They do not publish telephone books today because they are not being used (except by us "old folks"). Everyone uses the web to locate whoever they are seeking. You are seeking a career that has no limits on what you can contribute to make the World a better place because you have been here.

We are glad that we could help you prepare for your future, so that you can carry on for us as a successful East High Alumni. Make us proud of you.

Thank you for sharing your goals with us.

Sincerely,

Lyle L. Simpson

