

Dear Distinguished Members,

I am honored to be the FIRST recipients of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation at The IDEAL School of Manhattan Scholarship. Thanks to your generous support I am the first in my family as well as the school to receive such a prestigious acknowledgement that has humbled me.

Growing up in a less privileged community this has not only offered financial and academic challenges, but it has more importantly made me realize the value of my education and this award has given hope to overcome the challenges that were placed before me, I have an opportunity to better myself for the future .

By awarding me The Ideal School of Manhattan Open Door Scholar you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your 2011 - 2012 scholarship.

Inclosing, coming from a low income family, I would not have the opportunities having not received any financial support from persons like you, whose generosity and kindness are a great encouragement to my efforts. On behalf of all the students who are trying to overcome difficulties to achieve their dreams, I would like to thank you again for all you have done for me.