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Dear Loyal Leo,

It is my privilege to thank you for the generosity and trust you place in the University of La Verne. Your philanthropic support furthers our mission and directly enhances the student experience—and we want to ensure you see the full impact of your investment.

That's why we are launching a new monthly communication series for donors we're calling, "**Because of You...**" Each month, you'll hear from a campus leader who will share how your giving is making a real difference at the university and for our students.

The voices you'll hear from will offer a glimpse into the heart of the university, as we share examples of how your philanthropy propels teaching and learning, discovery and transformation, and spirit and belonging within our Leopard community. Whether it's a student thriving because of scholarship support or a faculty member advancing vital knowledge due to new resources, the impact is real—and it's **Because of You...**

Letters will be sent to you monthly by email and bimonthly by mail, and all will be available and saved online at univ.lv/because. This web page has links to upcoming events you're invited to attend, past donor impact reports, and a form to update your contact information. It will also be used to share supplemental and supporting materials that may accompany or be referenced in some of the monthly letters.

This month, I especially encourage you to visit univ.lv/because to view our new University Scholarship Fund Annual Report. For many years, we have created annual reports for our named scholarship funds, and this year we added a new report for the critically important University Scholarship Fund. Each year, hundreds of gifts of all sizes are made to this fund and pooled together to provide financial aid to our students who have the greatest financial need. This collective support produces a tremendous impact by making a University of La Verne education accessible to those students who could not otherwise afford it. In fact, during this past academic year, 761 donors made gifts totaling \$665,000! That amount benefits several hundred new and returning Leos by reducing or eliminating their need for student loans. Perhaps most importantly in this report, you'll get to meet a few of the amazing student recipients and read—in their own words—a little about who they are, how they're involved on campus, and how scholarships make a difference for them.

By giving you this monthly insider perspective on the university, we hope the “**Because of You...**” series brings your generosity to life, communicates our profound gratitude, and affirms the essential role donors like you play in our shared future. If you have feedback on this new series or want to let us know who on campus you want to hear from, please contact Russel Heskin, director of donor relations, at rheskin@laverne.edu or (909) 448-4359.

Thank you for being a Loyal Leo!

Warm regards,

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