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November 2, 2023

Ms. Christina Spolsky
Co-Chair
Rotary Club of Chestnut Hill
P.O. Box 812
Springfield, PA 19064-0812

Dear Christina,

Thank you for your continued support for Williamson's Named Scholarship Program. The Rotary Clubs of Philadelphia and Chestnut Hill Scholarship directed by the Judson Education Fund will allow a financially-deserving young man to access a quality and debt-free Williamson education.

Enclosed is a letter from Thomas Updike who was selected as this year's Rotary Clubs of Philadelphia and Chestnut Hill's Arthur & Bright Judson Scholar. Thomas is excited to share with you his progress at Williamson, as well as express his gratitude for your generosity. Please read about his interests and achievements in his profile enclosed.

We are confident the student named for this scholarship represents Williamson's values, and will proudly carry the name of the Rotary Clubs of Philadelphia and Chestnut Hill's Arthur & Bright Judson Scholar.

Please save the date for the annual Scholarship Celebration Dinner which will be held on April 11, 2024, on Williamson's campus. You will receive a formal invitation this winter. We hope you can join us for this special event!

As always, feel free to call me anytime on my cell (267) 207-4887 or email me at asnyder@williamson.edu if you have any questions.

Warmest Regards,

Arlene A. Snyder, CFRE
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

cc: Joan Batory

Enclosures

*I look forward to
seeing you in
April!*



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Ms. Christina Spolsky
Chestnut Hill Rotary Club
P.O. Box 4332
Philadelphia, PA 19118

Dear Ms. Spolsky,

As a recipient of the Arthur Judson Scholarship, I want to thank you for funding this scholarship and providing me this opportunity. I am currently a junior in the Landscape Construction and Management program.

I believe a Williamson education will lead me to a successful future. This scholarship has given me the opportunity to gain important and well applied experiences.

My Williamson scholarship has given me valuable opportunities, such as an internship at Bates Landscaping LTD, making multiple connections in the landscaping industry, and taking tours of many horticulture sites.

This year, I am most looking forward to the new e-sports program and the Junior Leadership Expedition (JLE) camping trip.

I believe I have a bright future ahead. My future goal is to have my own landscaping business.

Your generosity has inspired me give back and to use my trade skills to provide professional assistance on Boy Scout service trips.

Sincerely,

Thomas Updike, 2W5
Landscape Construction and Management
Williamson College of the Trades



THOMAS UPDIKE

Class: Junior

Hometown: Telford, Pennsylvania

High School: Souderton High School

Program of Study: Landscape Construction and Management

Expected Graduation: 2025

Did either of your parents earn a college degree?:

Yes, both have college degrees.

Career Goals: I plan on staying in the green industry and starting my own business.

Student Activities: I play football and perform with our choir. I hope to participate in e-sports this year.

Describe any community service you have participated in at Williamson or elsewhere:

I am a member of the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America.

How did you learn about Williamson and why did you choose to attend?: I heard about Williamson through a family friend and this place called to me during my tour.

What might you have done had you not attended Williamson?:

I would have probably served in the military.

What has been your most impactful moment at Williamson?:

My shop won the Shop Games competition.

Is there a high school or Williamson campus project or accomplishment that you are proud of?:

I am most proud of getting a bronze medal at nationals for U.S. Academic Decathlon.

