## **Hearing Loss**

Eden Svangtun

July 31st,2023

Throughout this year I have been looking for many scholarships to apply for. This scholarship stood out to me. I am hard of hearing in my right ear. When I was three and a half years old I became extremely sick with E-coli which developed into HUS. I was in the hospital for two and a half months and was using a wheelchair. My muscles in my legs, arms and core were extremely weakened during that time. I also became hard of hearing in my right ear during this time due to the heavy medications.

This illness impacted my life in so many ways. I had to regain my strength doing physical therapy. In kindergarten Fraser Health came to the school to do a hearing test. This is when we discovered I had hearing loss in my right ear. Over the next year and a half we had different appointments at Children's Hospital to see what was wrong with my ear. I received my hearing aid when I was in grade 2. When I put my hearing aid in for the first time I said, "I can hear!" to my mom. That was a big moment for me. My hearing aid has been incredibly useful since.

When I first got my hearing aid in elementary school everyone would stare. Everyone in my school asked me what was in my ear. It was quite annoying to always have to explain to the other kids what it was. In elementary school wearing my hearing aid didn't bother me at all. However, in middle school and high school especially, I was very self conscious of it. In grades ten and eleven sometimes I wouldn't even wear my hearing aid to school. Looking back, I now realize no one ever made fun of me for it, which was my biggest fear. I don't need to worry about one person's opinion. The doctors who made me my hearing aid were just helping me.

My disability has shaped my decision to study medicine. My post-secondary goals are to go to Douglas College for one year. At Douglas College I am going to be taking Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Applicants. I will take four courses in both first and second semester. In the summer I will take the last two courses for the program to finish in one year. Then I plan to transfer to SFU to study Biomedical Physiology. When I finish my four years at SFU, I will apply to medical school to become a surgeon or doctor. I love science and due to my experiences I have always wanted to help people.

So many doctors helped me during my time in the hospital and therapy. I spent so much of my life in doctor's offices and hospitals. Every year I was going to see somebody about something else. I enjoyed learning things from the doctors, and I was interested in the things they learned to become a doctor. Since I was exposed to many doctors throughout my life, I thought a career in medicine would be great. I want to return the favour to other people who need help. This scholarship would help me achieve my goals to study medicine.

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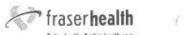


The Staff and Graduating Students of Centennial Secondary School hereby acknowledge the contribution of

## Eden Svangtun

as a member of the
grade twelve class of
two thousand and twenty-three.
The school wishes you every success in the future.
Dated June 2023





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From: DOUGLAS COLLEGE < KLEINA@douglascollege.ca>

Date: Tue, May 30, 2023, 10:09 AM Subject: CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE

To: Svangtun, Eden < svangtun2005@gmail.com >



Student ID: 300379153

Dear Eden

Congratulations and welcome to Douglas College! We are pleased to advise that you have been conditionally accepted to the Academic Foundations For Potential Nursing program for the Fall 2023 intake.

Please note: Admission to this program does not guarantee course registration nor does it guarantee an offer of admission to or acceptance to the Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN) program. This offer of admission is only for the Academic Foundations program. Students seeking admission to the BSN program must meet all admission requirements listed at <a href="https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/catalogue/programs/BSNURS">www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/catalogue/programs/BSNURS</a>.

Please Note: admission is conditional upon receipt of the items listed below by JULY 31, 2023.

. Final grade 12 transcript indicating you have met the program entrance requirements.

You will be registering yourself for courses using our online registration system. To prepare for the registration process:

- Refer to the official Catalogue entry for your program at <a href="www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/catalogue/programs">www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/catalogue/programs</a> to confirm the courses which are required for your program, and to research the prerequisite(s) for each of the courses you wish to take;
- For Important Dates and Deadlines refer to <a href="www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/general-information/dates-and-deadlines">www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/general-information/dates-and-deadlines</a>
- For registration information and instructions refer to <a href="www.douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/register/canadian-students">www.douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/register/canadian-students</a>

These pages will provide information on when registration begins, how you can find your assigned registration date and time, how to register/waitlist for courses, and how to calculate and pay tuitions fees.

Please keep your email address current. The College will communicate with you through your personal email address that you provided, consequently, if you change your email address, please ensure you update that information.

Should you have any questions regarding your acceptance to this program, please contact your Admissions Advisor at the email address below. Thank you for choosing Douglas College to pursue your educational goals. We wish you success in your studies!

Sincerely,

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