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[Message delivered by Paul Watanabe, President of the Board of Directors, to this year's scholarship recipients.]

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I want to give you my personal congratulations and on behalf of the rest of the members of the board of directors on your wonderful accomplishment as recipients of scholarships for 2020. I and some other members of the board wanted to travel to Seattle to give you our personal greetings. I had already bought tickets on Amtrak along with my wife to take the train across the country to Seattle. But alas that trip and a lot of other travel is going to have to wait until some future time.

There is a famous saying, "may you live in interesting times." And assuredly these are about as interesting of times as we've ever seen not only in American history but in world history. This is a period of time that they are going to be reading about in history books for all time. It is a memorable time, therefore, for world history, American history and for your and your family's history because of your accomplishments graduating from high school and beginning your new career in college. I'm sure you will be well prepared to take on the challenges of a new and interesting world. We want to give you our support as much as possible and to the wonderful people who stand behind you.

One thing that I would have asked you to do if I saw you in Seattle personally would be to take a moment and learn something about the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund and the wonderful people who created a legacy that makes this scholarship possible. Almost 80 years ago some students like you, in this case Japanese Americans, yearned for and dreamed about going to college. But their dreams were interrupted by World War II when their families, like those of other Japanese Americans, were placed in America's concentration camps. These students didn't feel like there was any hope that they could continue their education. Except there was a group of strangers who took it upon themselves to support these students so that they could continue their education beyond the camps and continue their dream of going to college.

Many of the people who were assisted decided that they wanted to give back. They wanted to show their generosity to a new generation of students who needed support just as they had received many years before from strangers they didn't even know. That is what this scholarship is built on - the desire of people to provide support for capable and promising students like you. I think it is a wonderful legacy and story, and one that I hope you will continue as you gain success in your lives and careers because of your college education. Remember with gratitude the generosity that was bestowed upon you.

Congratulations to you, and thank you to your family and friends and all those who trusted and had confidence in you and helped make this moment possible. We're proud of you and are confident you will contribute to these interesting times.

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