

March 2, 2018

Erica Benoit 3615 Campfire Cove Conway, AR 72032

Dear Erica,

A# A00412228

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected as the recipient of the 2018-2020 Sara Ann Bilezikian Fellowship by the Graduate Program on the Environment at The Evergreen State College. The fellowship is in the amount of \$8662 each year for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 academic years. The award will be credited to your student account in three installments each equal to a third of this amount for Fall, Winter and Spring Quarters of both academic years as long as you are enrolled as an MES student.

This award reflects the judgment of the selection committee that you have demonstrated an exceptionally strong commitment to environmental improvement and social justice. Sara Ann Bilezikian, who graduated from Evergreen in 2001, had similar interests, and we feel confident that your passions and academic achievement in this area will be a suitable way to honor Sara's memory.

In addition to this award, be sure to check your financial aid offer from the Financial Aid office – you may also have received need-based tuition waivers, a loan offer and/or Evergreen Need Grant (residents only) if you submitted your FAFSA. If you didn't fill out the <u>FAFSA</u>, you can do so at any time to receive \$20,500+ in loans. Also, don't forget to look for jobs or internships, as well as <u>outside scholarships</u>.

Please note that adjustments to your aid are likely to occur if there are changes to your status, such as changes to enrollment status, number of credit hours, residency status, etc. In addition, increased personal resources may result in decreases to other financial aid awards including possible repayment for financial aid you have already received, including loan proceeds.

In order to accept this award, please email Andrea Martin at <u>martina@evergreen.edu</u> indicating your acceptance by April 16, 2018. Also, if you haven't done so already, please remember to pay your tuition deposit by this date.

If you have any questions about this award, please contact the MES office at 360-867-6225.

If you have any questions about loans or the Evergreen Need Grant, please contact Financial Aid at 360-867-6205.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Francis, Ph.D. Director, Graduate Program on the Environment <u>francisk@evergreen.edu</u> 360-867-5831