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Jennifer Kern, AAUW Scholarship Chair
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Dear Jennifer and members of the AAUW Scholarship Committee:

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am the Director of Resource Development for CCV. I work closely with Ryan and others here at the College to raise funds for student programs and scholarships. I am honored this year to have the opportunity to thank you and the AAUW for the \$2,450 in scholarships you awarded this spring to CCV students Cassandra Furciniti, April Crawford, Sara Webster, and Ellisa Mattison.

In his last communication, Ryan remarked on this past year and how incredibly difficult it has been for many, if not all, Vermonters. These women serve as wonderful examples of resilience in the face of adversity, and no doubt the scholarship support from AAUW has been an important factor in the ability to persevere toward their educational goals.

I am grateful to Lucy in our Bennington center for working closely with you and the scholarship committee on these awards. She recently commented, *"This twice annual scholarship funding is such a blessing to Bennington students and a great connection for CCV. AAUW members are women active in so many ways in Bennington County and beyond."* I couldn't agree more. We are so grateful for your support. On behalf of everyone here at CCV, especially our students, I want to thank you and members of the AAUW Scholarship Committee for partnering with us.

Sincerely,

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