

The "Spread Your Wings Scholarship" is a key piece of the puzzle to helping me realize my dreams and choice to attend college. This opportunity and scholarship will help to minimize the financial burdens of college and support my next steps as a college student. Although I have support of my family, this scholarship will assist us in bridging the financial gap. It is an honor to be a recipient of this scholarship. It has further helped me realize that the decision and choice to attend college is attainable. This scholarship will motivate me to succeed in college and continue to make good decisions and choices.

As I stand on the threshold of my future, I often reflect on Wes Moore's narrative in "The Other Wes Moore." In his exploration of two diverging lives, Moore delves into how choices shape our destinies. This resonates deeply with me, as I have continually strived to mold my destiny through deliberate choices and actions, not only as a student athlete, but as a young Black male growing up in Washington D.C. My choice to attend college is also a decision that I am making to provide opportunities for my future, gain experiences that will be beneficial and serve as life lessons, and lastly, making connections and building relationships with people from similar or diverse backgrounds.

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