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To Southern California Mapúa Alumni Sponsors,

It has been about a year since I have graduated from Mapua University. And it has also been awhile since I have written a letter to you all. As I type this letter, I look back to the previous letters I have shared, remembering the struggles and successes of being a student. Back then, I was just a student in my last term in Mapua and also a full-time employee in Pasay (Light Rail Manila Corporation—where I also had my internship and then given an opportunity to be an employee). Amidst all those, I was working on my Thesis 2&3 with my thesis partner. I remember those days as I was really struggling to succeed, asking myself if I could really do it. And yet here we are now, a year after; I am currently employed in a multinational company (Connell—company of Wilbur-Ellis) in Ortigas, surrounded by colleagues whose work ethics I admire, continuing to learn and widen my knowledge, and trying to be the best that I could be.

And to add, about two weeks ago, my thesis partner & I have been contacted by our Thesis Adviser. As it turned out, our paper was submitted by our Adviser for the 10th Annual IEOM Dubai Conference 2020 and was awarded the Best Track Paper Award. Unfortunately, the conference would be held as a virtual event due to health crisis we are currently facing. Yet, even without attending this conference, the recognition we received for our paper and our efforts is already beyond enough for us. Who would have thought that a year later, our paper that we were struggling to finish, would win an award?

A year after it all; the struggles, the doubts, the failures, I can definitely say, all was worth it. 😊

Someday, I wish to meet you all; to meet the people who helped me reached my dreams and supported my education despite not really knowing each other personally. You all have been a blessing in my life and my family's. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

And this I promise, I shall pay it forward, and try to be as helpful as you all were to me and to all of us scholars. Without your helping hands, we would not have made it. You all are part of our lives, our goals, our dreams, and our successes.

With all sincerity, thank you again!

Respectfully,

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