Dear Friends and Supporters of the E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship,

We are thrilled to introduce you to the 2017-2018 E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship winner, Bailey Diakow, who is days away from her departure for Tours. Bailey is studying French and Education and aspires to teach French Immersion. She is very excited to have the opportunity to utilize her French in France and expects to learn a lot from her first experience abroad. Originally from Okotoks, this very talented young woman excels as much in music as in academics. She primarily plays the cello but also enjoys piano, bassoon, trombone and flute. She is a lifeguard on weekends and enjoys running.

In June, Bailey, her two sisters and their parents joined the Friends of E. Catherine Barclay in a send-off reception at the Dean’s Office in the Faculty of Arts. The presence of our returning recipient Paola Velasquez made it a symbolic event. Having just returned from her 2016-2017 scholarship year in Dijon, Paola delivered an in-person report on her experience together with a slide show of her time abroad. The twinkle in her eye and confidence in her step left us in awe of the transformational effect that the E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship bestows on its beneficiaries. Paola already misses her friends and French food! To be sure, Bailey is reassured of the opportunity that awaits her in Tours this year. Bon voyage Bailey!

Evidently the E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship is shining brighter, and people are taking notice. In addition to the growing number of supporters and alumni attending our send-off receptions, we had a tremendous response to the University’s “Giving Day” campaign this spring. In April, we raised $12,100 that went directly and entirely into the E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship Endowment for future years. Our matching campaign was answered with incredible support from our community of partners and supporters including the Faculty, the Development Office, the Division of French, the CISSA (Centre for International Students and Study Abroad), past scholarship recipients and their families, scholarship founders and friends.

A very big thank you for your continued support of the annual E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship and our efforts to perpetuate this legacy and allow talented students like Paola and Bailey to study in France every year.

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A growing community of supporters celebrates the return of Paola Velasquez from Dijon and the upcoming departure of Bailey Diakow for Tours with her E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship.

On a final note we wish the very best to our Development Office angel, Danielle Christensen, who made a huge impact on the E. Catherine Barclay Scholarship. Danielle has moved to Vancouver with her family. Going forward we continue our efforts with the Development Office where Mr. Craig Melton will be our contact for ongoing scholarship development initiatives. His contact information for any questions concerning gifts is:

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With our very best wishes,