

Dear Eva Gunther Foundation,

I wanted to thank you so much for granting me the opportunity to travel to Nicaragua through this scholarship. It was an amazing trip that I'm certain will stick with me throughout my remaining high school years. I have nothing but great things to say about this trip, and none of them would I have been able to experience, if it weren't for the scholarship that you granted me. From this trip I gained experience on building garden beds out of virtually nothing, experiencing a new type of culture, and building friendships with the kids at all the schools we helped out in. Everyday was a new opportunity to gain knowledge on growing and building sustainable agriculture. Our generation is the future for us all, and if we continue this destructible path of industrialization, pretty soon we will no longer have any more resources to go around. Teaching the kids at the school's sustainable agriculture may not seem like a huge step, but it's the right step on building a better brighter future. At the three schools we visited, every child was excited to help assist us on making their environment better. Though at first some seemed very shy to meet us, but that was simply because they had never had anyone out of the states come out and help them. At the start of our days we started off with a group breakfast. We then would prepare ourselves for our semi-long commute to the school we were helping out that day. The work was tiring and hard especially working in the scorching hot sun. But the experience was beautiful. At the last school we visited, which was the institute was the most satisfying of all. Arriving at the high school, essentially nothing had been started. Trash and leaves covered the whole yard of the school. But after two days of working at the institute, the end result was so amazing. The school's yard on the sections we were working on were cleared of the trash previously left behind, and a majority of the leaves had been raked up. Our garden beds that we had been building were all complete and the difference was substantially different. Because of this scholarship I got the opportunity to meet new friends from my school and at the ones in Nicaragua. I gained more insight of sustainable agriculture, and again this all wouldn't of been

possible if you did not grant me this scholarship thank you so much for everything you have granted me.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Chacon