

Gliwice, 14.04.2020

Dear Sir Stelios,

I hope this letter finds you well despite this unusual and difficult global situation. I have been in my hometown Gliwice for a month now, and my family and I feel well. I had to leave London before my term ended because the Polish government closed our borders, but fortunately, I managed to come back before the lockdown. In order to decrease the possibility of infection, I stayed in isolation for two weeks before meeting with my family. I was able to return home to study for my exams as, thankfully, I did not develop any symptoms during the self-quarantine period.

Fortunately, all my learning materials are now online so I can continue to study with as little disturbance as possible'. I feel quite confident with Mathematical Methods and Statistics, but I still need to catch up with Introduction to Abstract Mathematics and Economics. Nevertheless, I am sure I will manage to do this before the exam period.

Apart from studying, I am reading a lot, I recently started Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen (It is not as boring as many people think it is). I am still in touch with my fellow LSE students thanks to social media; we text each other and have video calls. I miss them a lot but hopefully, we will meet again soon. I am truly sorry that we also didn't get the opportunity to meet during the annual Donors and Scholars Reception. I remember how nice it was to talk to you in November and meet other Stelios Scholars who, like me, were honoured to be awarded your generous support.

This year, in terms of extracurricular activities, I got involved in the LSE SU Polish Business Society. I contributed to the Finance Team and was responsible for managing transactions and facilitating the communication between our members and the Student's Union. Throughout the whole year, we have been organising the Polish Economic Forum – the biggest students' conference about Poland in the UK. Our flagship event in March took place in The Brewery (near Barbican), more than 700 young professionals attended and we hosted 25+ speakers and panellists. The event was a blast. Additionally, I am more than happy to let you know that after recent elections, my friend and I got selected to represent our society in the position of Co-Presidents. I am very much motivated to stay active in the Polish Business Society and lead a team towards organising the Polish Economic Forum jubilee (the 10th) next year.

Once again, I would like to say a big thank you for your constant support. Had it not been for the scholarship, my university experience would have been vastly different for I would not have been able to be so active and engaged in various activities. I wouldn't be able to develop and grow as a person, so thank you so much for that. I have seen that the Stelios Philanthropic Foundation is still distributing essential food in Piraeus (the Food from the Heart programme) and I am always impressed and inspired by how much good you do for the world.

I hope that you stay safe in these challenging times and I wish you all the best.

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