

A message from Dominique David:

At 28 years old I never would have imagined my life would take such a journey. To return to the town where I began my youth and find a group of women caring so much for their community and contributing to a legacy of empowering others - I am honored to be a part of this. Bozeman Business and Professional Women's Educational Scholarship for Career Enhancement will allow me to continue on my path towards completing my Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies with a focus on Native Science at Montana State University. I will be the first generation in my family to achieve this goal. Ten years' experience mentoring disadvantaged youth showed me how my life affects future generations. For my own daughter, as well as the upcoming generations, I hope to be an example of what can be obtained through perseverance and resourcefulness. My education will provide me necessary technical skills to be an asset both in my research field and in my community. After graduation, I plan to dedicate a large part of my career to youth and community education. In my academic and life experiences so far, I have recognized the value of honoring and sharing our traditional cultural knowledge. Through my work in Native science, I believe we can integrate this knowledge with modern western science in a way that will help us all improve the quality of our lives through a better understanding of our environment. This scholarship has allowed me to reach beyond my hardships so that I may flourish and use my strength to lift others. Thank you!