

DONOR THANK YOU LETTER GUIDELINES

• SALUTATION:

- Your donor/fund is listed at the top of your Stipend Award letter, with your Amount Awarded
- Address your letter to the family, person or Class listed, e.g., "Dear Simpson Family," "Dear Members of the Class of 1974," or "Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bergh"
- If you received money from multiple funds, simply change the salutation and provide two thank you notes.
 You do NOT have to write two totally different letters.
- o If your donor is listed as "Annual Fund Budget Support Initiatives," please write your thanks in a narrative, testimonial format that we can share with the Annual Fund Donor base.

CONTENT:

- Please TYPE your notes rather than hand-writing them. Although we appreciate a personal touch, we also want to ensure your donor can read your thoughtful note!
- o These are <u>recommendations</u> and <u>prompts</u>; you do NOT need to address every one of these in your notes.
 - Detail how the donor's gift affected your summer experience, i.e., not having to take a PT job in addition to your internship; studying for the GRE instead of working an additional PT job; living in an expensive city; taking an internship that was non-paying but meaningful work for your future career goals, etc.
 - 2. Share any notable accomplishments or significant projects completed during the internship.
 - 3. Describe the impact the internship has had on your career decision-making. What have you learned about your skills (either those you have or those you need to continue to develop)? Career interests or field? Preferred work environment?

FORMAT:

- One page only please
- Single spaced
- o In the signature, include your class year, e.g., Marquis Lafayette '24
 - 1. Please do NOT list your home mailing address
- Save as a DOC or PDF and name it:
 - LAST NAME, FIRST NAME Donor Name (e.g. LAFAYETTE, MARQUIS Annual Fund)

DUE DATE: August 28, 2023

o Email directly to Alexis Leon at leonal@lafayette.edu

You may call me at 610-330-5118 any time during summer office hours (8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. EST) or send to the email above if you have any questions.

I look forward to reading about your summer! Alexis