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Ms. Kathryn Buckner Americana Foundation

Dear Ms. Buckner:

My name is Luisandra Morera Vargas. I am a second-year student, and thanks to your great help today I am fulfilling my dream of being a future Agricultural Engineer.

EARTH has prepared me well in many aspects such as teamwork, responsibility, punctuality, solidarity, improved communication, and strengthened empathy among other qualities; this makes me proud to be an EARTHian.

I am currently in my second quarter of second year, which is focused on subjects such as Inorganic Chemistry, Genetics, and Statistics. A course I enjoy is the Community Development course, which I love because we work with producers who are undertaking their projects and we help them to enhance their entrepreneurship and give them better tools to make it possible. They are also very special people who are always happy to receive us in their homes.

In addition, I lead a cattle-fattening company called FAZEN-TICA; we have nine heads of Brahman cattle, which will sell in the community. My role is Environmental Manager and I am in charge of ensuring that the company complies with the requirements requested by the University in relation to conservation and sustainability. The work together with my team has been excellent. It has been a cultural encounter of countries including Costa Rica, Bolivia, Ecuador, Guatemala and Uganda, all with the same passion for animals.

Today, I am looking for a professional internship. I would like it to focus on coffee production, since my community at home has increased its production and I would like to learn more about this crop and acquire good sustainable practices to apply them, using environmentally friendly techniques. I would also like to have my own company to generate employment for people in my community or help them to start their own business.

Again, I am completely grateful to you for giving me the opportunity of my dreams. Without the Americana Foundation, it would not have been possible to have the experience of being a future agent of change and to have access to highly trained teachers with experience in the field. I would like to assure you that your investment will not be in vain and I hope to repay in some way all the trust you have placed in me. I hope that the Americana Foundation will continue to provide these opportunities to talented and motivated students who want to continue to excel and do not have the resources to do so.

I look forward to meeting you at some point and expressing my deepest appreciation.

Cordially,

Luisandra Morera Vargas Costa Rica

Class of 2022-2025