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Dearest Board of Trustees of The American Industrial Hygiene Foundation,

I am so deeply humbled and honored that you have chosen me as one of the recipients of the AIHF Scholarship!

The moment I stepped foot in the Industrial Hygiene (IH) world, I knew I have found my calling. Learning and making a difference is my driving force to keep on growing in this field.

Reflecting on the list of positions I have previously held working at Kennedy Space Center (KSC) as a former Fitness Specialist, Wellness Specialist, KSC Environmental Health Specialist (under the IH Program), and now working as an Industrial Hygienist, my career journey has always been dedicated to keeping the workforce safe and healthy.

The dictum, "don't just aspire to make a living, aspire to make a difference," embodies what you all do for students like myself, and I am so blessed to be on the receiving end of your kind generosity.

As I continue to persevere through the tough, but worth it journey of working as an Industrial Hygienist, and while I pursue my Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) in Industrial Hygiene at Tulane University, I want you all to know how much I appreciate each one of you for helping me shoot for the stars, as the sky is no longer the limit for me!

Thank you so much for inviting me to attend this year's 2022 AIHce. Thank you SEAMS Group for covering my student Conference Registration fee! This will be my first time attending the AIHA Conference. I look forward to learning and reap the benefits of my complimentary 2023 AIHA Student membership! I hope to meet you all in person!

Ad astra, Katrina M. Cookson