

Dear friend,

I'll admit, my first year of university wasn't easy. But what has been continually true about my time at King's is the support, love, and kindness I have experienced from everyone here.

My name is Dayana, and I'm a second-year computing science student from the Democratic Republic of Congo. As an international student, I came to Canada with a lot of questions: Would I be able to adapt to university life? Would I do well in my classes? Would I make friends?



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From the moment I arrived at King's I felt so welcomed by professors, staff, and student leaders. This was especially true in my second semester. I was struggling through a difficult lab assignment, the deadline had passed, and I didn't know what to do. I emailed Dr. Tappenden, my instructor and the Dean of Natural Science. He scheduled a meeting with me the very next day and spent over two hours going through the lab with me, explaining my mistakes, and showing me ways I could improve. He took the time to encourage me to keep going. I left that meeting feeling stronger — his kindness and encouragement helped me believe I could finish the semester well. And I did!

King's has supported my faith journey just as much as my academic journey. My dream is to become a program developer, and I know I cannot achieve that dream on my own. **I need mentors, advisors, and people to guide me.** Most importantly, I need the strength and love of God as I seek to discern His call for my life.

Being a student here is changing my life.

Here I've met people who strengthen me and help me grow deeper in my faith. My professors make time for devotions before class, we pray before exams, and three times a week my friends and I meet to pray together.

Being a student here is changing my life. **I'm growing closer to God** and gaining more than I ever thought I would gain. I'm becoming a better version of myself, and **supporters like you are what make that possible.**

Your gift funds student scholarships that remove barriers to accessing Christ-centred education at King's, scholarships that have also supported me in my studies here. Your support truly changes the lives of students!

Thank you for all the ways you lift up this place.

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