

Spring 2018

Dear <<Name>>,

Have you ever worked incredibly hard to reach a goal, *and come up short?*  
Have you experienced the miracle of someone stepping in to help?

Meet Caleb, a young firefighter who is studying International Rescue and Relief at Union. As a firefighter, he has faced many challenging situations, but none rivaled his battle to pay for his college education.

A few months ago Caleb slowly climbed the six flights of stairs in Union's administration building with a very heavy heart. **He had done everything possible to fund his own education. He spent summers working 60 hour weeks as a firefighter** and juggled his schedule hoping to graduate in three years instead of four.

**Caleb found out that sometimes hard work just isn't enough.**

After completing high school and taking an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class, Caleb joined the local fire brigade. He dreamed of attending Union College and worked for a year, saving all the money he could for tuition. His firefighter friends and mentors were supportive and proud of him for pursuing a college education. "In rural Virginia that doesn't always happen," Caleb admitted.

At Union, his professors quickly recognized his skill and experience, and by the second semester, Caleb began working as a teaching assistant in the EMT class.

The first summer, Caleb and his classmates honed their rescue skills in the Colorado wilderness by diving into fast flowing rivers, searching for missing people and practicing rescue theory.

On an emotional high, Caleb returned home to Virginia for the rest of that summer. There was no time to rest. Putting his new skills into action, he taught his fellow firefighters some of the techniques he'd learned. **Caleb worked 60-hour weeks, fighting against time to earn what he needed to enroll for his sophomore year at Union.**

He didn't have enough money for the semester until people like you pitched in to give him a scholarship. So with the money he'd saved, his job at Union and help from his tiny church home in Virginia, Caleb enrolled in year two.

Caleb learned to suture wounds, administer IVs and make basic medical assessments. He spent several months in remote villages of Nicaragua with his classmates, helping those in need, under the guidance of Union's IRR team. He loved every long day and every mosquito-plagued night.

Caleb excelled, and his teachers recognized his passion and his gift. They offered him the chance to help facilitate the summer course. But...

*(Over please)*



Accept the challenge:  
**Give by June 30th,  
and your dollars will  
work overtime!**

We have received a **\$40,000 matching gift challenge** from one of our own. Any gift made before June 30 will qualify for a dollar for dollar match. Union College is also participating in the community-wide Give to Lincoln Day. An online gift made via [ucollege.edu/GiveToLincoln](http://ucollege.edu/GiveToLincoln) will qualify for challenge grant funds if received before May 31.

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**Don't miss the deadline**

Donate by June 30, 2018 and your dollars make an even bigger impact!

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I want to help! Enclosed is my gift of:

- <<\$xxx>>
- <<\$xx>>
- <<\$x>>
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please use my gift to:

- Support the Union College Annual Fund
- Provide scholarships for Union College students in need
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please indicate any changes if needed.)*

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(address)

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(email) (cellphone)

Your Gift qualifies for a matching bonus through June 30, 2018!

Watch your email and social media for more information on how to support Union College for Give to Lincoln Day 2018 to make your money mean more this Spring.

*“It was difficult to accept the job with Union College because I wasn’t sure I’d earn enough to come back in the fall,”* said Caleb. He answered God’s call to guide others through the life-changing training.

In the fall of 2017, Caleb knew he didn’t have the funds to finish the semester.

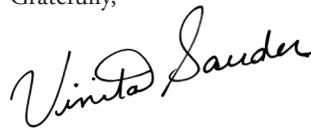
As he entered the Student Financial Services office, he felt helpless. But Taryn Rouse, the director, addressed him as a person, not a failed spreadsheet. “We want to help you,” she told him, showing him a new set of numbers. “Is this doable?”

“I received not just one scholarship, but two,” said Caleb, overwhelmed with emotion. **“It was a humbling experience to have someone be that generous.** I don’t feel worthy, but I’m so grateful.”

Students like Caleb need your help. Will you give <<\$xxxx>> to student scholarships, to support the Union spirit—the unique, supportive community that continues to mold and change lives?

We need your gifts to continue helping students like Caleb. Please give generously by June 30 and you will help even more students. **Call 1.402.486.2503**, give online at **[ucollege.edu/giving](http://ucollege.edu/giving)**, or **mail your gift** today in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope.

Gratefully,



Vinita Sauder, President

P.S. Thank you so much for giving back to Union and to the newest generations of Unionites. Thank you for believing in them.

P.P.S. Visit **[www.ucollege.edu/calebshetler](http://www.ucollege.edu/calebshetler)** to hear Caleb share his story.



**Gifts made to Give to Lincoln Day will also be matched by our \$40,000 challenge!**

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students for  
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and leadership.

## Thank you for supporting Union College

### Payment Options

- I'm donating online at **[ucollege.edu/GiveToLincoln](http://ucollege.edu/GiveToLincoln)** to make my money go even further by May 31.
- I'm donating online at **[ucollege.edu/giving](http://ucollege.edu/giving)** to help meet the \$40,000 matching challenge by June 30.
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