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**Subject: Re: Got it!**

**Date: Jan 17, 2022 at 6:09:06 PM**

**To: Iris Rotberg irotberg@gwu.edu**

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Hello professor

I was getting ready for my Foundations II class and wanted to share with you what we discussed at the 1st class class week regarding Foundations 1 last semester (input from breakout group discussions)

**Take aways from Foundations I**

- PISA paper - the test is not as transparent as initially believed to be
- Digging deeper into new topics that we hadn't looked into before was really beneficial and eye-opening
- Really enjoyed the readings - Supreme Court decisions and Op-eds
- Assessment/the way we measure educational outcomes
  - How that affects/is affected by funding
  - How that affects/is affected by policy
  - How that affects/is affected by comparisons (internationally)
- Greater depth of knowledge about different educational models
- Greater depth of knowledge about testing
- Getting familiar/introduced to the education system in the U.S. and education policy in the U.S.
  - Issues of inequality and access to education seem quite numerous in the U.S.

It was an enriching class we had with you :)

Thank you!

**On Fri, Jan 14, 2022 at 7:09 PM Iris Rotberg**

**<[irotberg@gwu.edu](mailto:irotberg@gwu.edu)> wrote:**

**Merci to you, Evelyne! I appreciate your kind words. I was happy I could help. I think very highly of you and hope very much you do get the scholarship. And I hope too that you are regaining your health.**

Please stay in touch and let me know how things are going.

My best,

Iris

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On Jan 14, 2022, at 3:57 PM, Evelyne Koumtingue

<[ekoumtingue@gmail.com](mailto:ekoumtingue@gmail.com)> wrote:

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Dear Dr Rotberg:

I wish I could adequately express my gratitude for what you did for me! I almost withdrew my application because I came to learn of the opportunity too late to secure references. It's when you agreed to help that I took a chance! I felt awful for the last minute request but your attitude was of great comfort. I will not feel bad if I don't make the cut. Having the support to try was wonderful. You are wonderful.

Merci professeur.

Evelyne

On Fri, Jan 14, 2022 at 3:26 PM Iris Rotberg

<[irotberg@gwu.edu](mailto:irotberg@gwu.edu)> wrote:

Hi Evelyne

I spoke to the fellowship office and they confirmed that they received your recommendation, which I sent last night. I am glad the recommendation arrived in time and hope the scholarship comes through. It sounds like a long process.

My best,