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# LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

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Office of Admissions

March 21, 2001

Andres Garcia  
729 Garden Avenue  
Olean, NY 14760

Dear Andres:

It is my special pleasure to advise you that your application to the Class of 2005 at Lafayette College has been approved by our selection committee. It was our strong opinion that your accomplishments which enabled you to rise to the top of a very competitive applicant pool, bode well for your ability to make the most of the opportunities available at Lafayette during the next four years.

Our selection committee was particularly impressed, Andres, with your excellent performance in a most demanding curriculum at Olean High School. Inspired by Bolivar's example you will continue to achieve your goals and build a cultural bridge. We are hoping you will wish to complement your studies in engineering with a full range of extracurricular pursuits, including peer education, science clubs and intramural sports, during your four years as a member of the Lafayette student body.

Congratulations! We eagerly await your arrival in the fall. Please read carefully the enclosed information for accepted applicants and feel free to contact me or any member of our staff if we can be of assistance to you during the upcoming months. May the remainder of your final year of high school provide you with many happy memories and the impetus so necessary for a smooth transition into college.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Rowlands  
Director of Admissions

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*Simón Bolívar is the George Washington of South America. He obtained the title of "The Liberator" by freeing many Latin American countries, including my native Venezuela, from Spanish oppression, while trying to unite the different countries into one distinctive Latin American identity. Bolívar appears to me to be one of the most outstanding figures of the nineteenth century and one of the greatest personalities in history. He lived for certain principles in which I also believe: personal freedom as expressed in a democracy, finding peaceful solutions through diplomacy, and establishing relationships based on cultural awareness and shared understanding. The ideas of Bolívar have been directly influenced my character development, and my vision for the future, including my new life in America.*

*Just as Bolívar once left Venezuela as a teenager, traveling to Europe to seek new horizons of knowledge and culture, I also embarked on a new phase of my life this past summer. I am now a student ambassador to the U.S.; what once was an attractive dream has now become a challenging reality in my new life. The first problem I had to overcome was the language barrier. In the beginning, I had to work hard to translate ideas from English to Spanish, but with the passage of time the words began to come to me automatically. Now I am able not only to think, but also to dream in English. Moreover, in the U.S. I found an encouraging family, dynamic friends, and supportive teachers who were willing to share their ideas and their lives with me. Through these relationships I am learning to understand American culture in such areas as the educational system, organization of the schools, teenager life, traditions of families and social behaviors; my experience have ranged from discipline and hard work to roller-coasters and sledding in the snow.*

*Bolívar's example has helped me to understand that success does not come overnight, but that it is the result of a process of constant dedication and commitment. Last year one of my main goals was to be admitted into the most prestigious engineering university in Venezuela. I wanted to do this in order to honor my parents and to demonstrate to myself that any personal limitations were self-imposed. I was surprised when the admissions office called to inform that I had received the highest score among 9,000 students in competition. Bolívar said that responsibility must be the primary trait of a person, and that who perseveres will conquer. I learned responsibility through the strict and rigorous curriculum of my high school in Venezuela. I also developed self-discipline while studying and helping to tutor others during the process of preparation for the college entrance exam. Now, I am knocking the doors of the American educational system, not only to get a superior education but also to develop my intellect sharing in a more diverse environment.*

*Bolívar had a clear vision for the future of Latin America. He began by establishing contact and direct trade between the U.S. and Latin America, not only for economic reasons, but also for the social and cultural benefits. His main goal was to create a "United States of Latin America", based explicitly on the American model. Though my primary academic interest is in the field of science, Bolívar's example has inspired me to study the current state of international politics. I think that the*

*development and progress of nations ~~occur~~ are based on mutual respect that brings societies together through trade and cultural exchanges. America is a prime example of the homogenization that can occur when people from many cultural backgrounds are brought together. What once was a microcosm of European nationalities, is now a macrocosm of the world. One of my goals is to work in the building of a cultural bridge that incorporates Latin America in this macrocosm.*

*Like Bolívar, my ambition and hope for success impel me to work steadfast toward my goals. I am able to share both my culture and my ingenuity to develop constructive solutions. I envision a productive future in which I can contribute through my profession to help design a scheme for greater understanding and cooperation among the people, organizations, and even North and Latin America. Wherever the future may take me, I will be a unifier of cultures and a pursuer of the principles that guided and drove the passionate life of Simón Bolívar.*

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Office of Student Financial Aid

March 21, 2001

Andres Garcia  
729 Garden Avenue  
Olean, NY 14760

Dear Andres,

I am pleased to inform you that your application for financial aid for the 2001-2002 academic year has been favorably considered. The amount of your financial assistance is:

Lafayette College Grant	\$26,130.00
Lafayette College Mengel Loan	\$2,000.00
Campus Job	\$2,000.00
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	\$30,130.00

This aid considers our institutional need analysis policies and the enclosed list of educational expenses. Your need based award is renewable on an annual basis as long as you submit the necessary applications, continue to demonstrate need, and make satisfactory academic progress. The renewal application packets are available in our office each December.

While we recognize that some countries may experience currency devaluation over your tenure at Lafayette, the college is unable to provide additional funding to account for any currency fluctuations.

To accept this award, please sign and return one copy of this letter to our office no later than May 1, 2001.

Should you have additional questions, our staff will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely yours,

Arlina B. DeNardo, Director  
Student Financial Aid

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I accept this aid award, understand the terms of its tender, and have read the "Regulations Governing Student Financial Aid."

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Date

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