

Good evening my name is Kathryn Tompkins and I am a history political science-secondary education major. Mount Aloysius College has so many benefits for its students. The faculty is extremely friendly and willing to help me whenever I need it. I know that when I walk into my classes, I am going to learn. The small class sizes give me an opportunity to focus on my work and get individual attention. Another thing that I love about the Mount is the beautiful atmosphere. Walking from class to class and building to building is always a pretty site. From the gardens and lawns to the pond and statues you can tell that the college cares about its appearance. It is happy atmosphere actually. The faculty, students and staff always seem to be in a good mood. In the winter months, I know that I will be able to walk to class on a shoveled walkway. Not that those things are important, but it just shows that the school cares about its students.

I received the Sister Mary Ann Dillon scholarship. I am so grateful and happy that I received this scholarship because it motivates me to complete the goals that will lead me to my dream of being a history teacher. I fell in love with history in 10th grade. I knew that I wanted to try to pass down my passion to students like myself. One of the things that motivated me most was the movie Schindler's List. The film opened my eyes to the historical events of the past and made me aware of the impact that certain events have on today's people and history. All seniors were required to do a project. My project involved a man named Murray Goldfinger to come to the school and speak to the public and students. He was a holocaust survivor and he is my HERO and most importantly a friend. To this day, we still keep in touch.

Like I said, I want other people to understand my love and passion for history. In the future, when I have reached my goal, I will work to acknowledge and bring about the past in my teaching. I enjoy being at the Mount, I look forward to graduation day when I receive my diploma. That will be the day when my dream comes true.