Good Afternoon

My name is Hayley Bassett. I am honored to be speaking here today on behalf of the athletic training class of 2025.

I would like to start by offering my condolences to all the donors' families and friends and express how thankful we are for your loved ones' sacrifice for our education.

I have had many great teachers in my life over the years, from Mrs. Major in elementary school who read the Boxcar children series to us that started my fascination with reading. Or Mr. Archer who gave me my first ever B+ in middle school and I thought I would never understand Algebra. But Mr. Archer pushed me to be a better student every day and I did eventually advance to Algebra II. Lastly, Professor Hodges at my small community college, who initiated my curiosity in the health sciences field.

I hope to one day tell them how much of an impact their teaching had on my life and shaped me into the student I am today.

However, there is still one more teacher that I need to mention, actually, it is multiple teachers. All the donors in the deeded body program have provided us with irreplaceable knowledge and I wish I had the opportunity to tell them how grateful I am for their ultimate gift.

In the words of Lin Manuel-Miranda, Legacy. What is a legacy? It’s planting seeds in a garden you never get to see.

The donors will never get to see the impact their donation will have on our generation, but we will always know where those seeds of knowledge were planted.

As a future athletic trainer, I will continuously be assessing physically active individuals for injury prevention, emergency care, examination, diagnosis, as well as developing and implementing rehabilitation procedures. Through the advanced human anatomy course, we have gained immense insight into the understanding of the human body that can not be taught in the traditional classroom. I genuinely believe that our experience, which was only made possible by these individuals, will prepare us to be better healthcare providers.

I also want to take the time to acknowledge the family and friends who have endured this nontraditional path. I can only imagine how difficult it is to not be able to grieve and mourn your loved ones in your own personal way.

Your self-sacrifice is deeply admired, and our have my utmost respect for supporting your loved ones' decisions.

I am truly thankful for all the donor's invaluable contributions to the University of Iowa’s Deeded Body Program.

Thank you.