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Lord Mayor of Wiesbaden, Mr. Gert-Uwe Mende

City of Wiesbaden, Germany

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**Subject: Thank you to the City of Wiesbaden**

Dear Honorable Mr. Mende,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well in these difficult times of the corona pandemic. As the one responsible for the direct social welfare of your city's citizens, you certainly are carrying a huge weight on your shoulders.

We would like to express our great appreciation for the ongoing support of 25,000 Euro from the Wiesbaden Municipality for scholarships to students at Beit Berl College in the 2019-20 academic year. Your gift is particularly important in this year, because so many students lost their jobs due to the coronavirus crisis.

Your contribution enabled 49 students to attend the College and complete the academic year. As you will see in the attached letters from the students, many of the recipients are handling very difficult financial and family situations. Without the support from the City of Wiesbaden, these students would not be able to continue their studies. Among the scholarships' recipients are students who have been involved in community activities, and students who have high academic achievements. As a multicultural college we make sure to distribute the scholarships to both Arab and Jewish students.

Enclosed please find the report of the specific allocation of scholarships which we distributed between January to June 2020.

Each of these students was very grateful for receiving this support, as are we at in the College administration. Enclosed are notes from some of the students, who express their stories and their thanks directly.

On a personal note, I would like to let you know that, after 12 years as President of Beit Berl College, I will be retiring as of September 30, 2020. Although you and I have not had the opportunity to meet, the long-term relationship between the City of Wiesbaden and Beit Berl College has been a source of great pride and support to the College. It is our great pleasure to be in a strong and lasting relationship with you and the people of Wiesbaden, and to share with you our appreciation of these ties.

With many thanks and warm regards,

Professor Tamar Ariav  
President



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