

Scholarship Gala

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"One of my best friends from UWC Dilijan, Alex Tarasenko, chose and came to C of I. While I was going through downs of my life, he suggested I apply to C of I. That was the best advice he has ever given to me. I researched the school and academic programs and I was fascinated with the PEAK program, and I am grateful every day because I have the opportunity to not only enjoy the financial aid at this institution, but also be able to double major in completely different fields and still draw connections of the major ideas through different lenses of my minors."

"C of I has given me the opportunity to make new friends, to take leadership roles and has definitely pushed me outside my comfort zone. C of I has taught me more in these two years than life probably would teach me in my whole life. I learned how to better communicate, express myself, advance my weak spots and basically made me a better and more mature person. I wouldn't have been able to attend here as my family never had the opportunity to financially support studying abroad. Both my high school (UWC) and undergraduate (C of I) experiences perfectly reflect the power of scholarships, since it can change lives and provide opportunities to become a better person, to develop, and strive to make this world a better place for everyone."

- ▲ **Majors:** Chemistry and International Political Economy **Minors:** Art History and Business
- ▲ **Hometown:** Almaty, Kazakhstan
- ▲ **Interests:** Student ASCI Senator for the Village, Chemistry Club VP, Tennis Club VP, International Student Organization, member of Sustainability and Quality Committee

"Azhar's greatest quality may be her sense of personal integrity. She's not only a talented student with a strong intellect, she is also seems motivated by a sense of personal pride to always represent herself well. The amazing thing is that she is so capable of meeting the high expectations she sets for herself. She is a joy to work with as a professor."

-Rob Dayley, Political Economy Professor