

# Maxwell Dodd

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Tony Perez

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**Dear Tony Perez:**

First off, I want to thank you and the community for giving me the opportunity to experience college. I attend the University of Wisconsin Whitewater and I am currently on the dean's list for my awesome grades. I have a 3.57 GPA as of now. I am also a part of the McNair Scholars Research Program. I have worked hard for the honors and as a rising Junior this fall, I figured out what my educational objective is and that is to become a School Counselor.

In addition, I want to send a message to the upcoming Senior students letting them know that going to college is possible. Receiving the Housing Authority City of Milwaukee (HACM) Scholarship, I was able focus on school rather than focusing on how I was going to generate a certain amount of money that did not have. Having the scholarship, it covers nearly 25% of my tuition. If you can recall when we were at the HACM award dinner ceremony with Tom Barret, I stated that the main reason I did not want to attend college was because I did not want to be in debt or take out any loans.

Being a recipient of the HACM Scholarship, I have not taken out a loan thus far. Also, being a recipient of this scholarship has a bigger meaning than just receiving money. To me, it means that parents and professionals of the HACM community believes in the students and wants them to surpass average especially as students of color. For me, not worrying about money while I was in school allowed me to be a role model in my community. I want upcoming Seniors to understand that college should always be your first option and that they can dominate in college just as well as anybody else. Once again, Thank You for everything thus far and this scholarship has helped me and I am sure it could help many other students for generations to come. Feel free to reach me via phone (414-736-2292) or email ([Doddml18@uww.edu](mailto:Doddml18@uww.edu)). Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

*Maxwell Dodd*

