

Dear Mr. Gould,

I am submitting this short letter on behalf of my maternal grandmother, Jackie Berguin, who attended the UI between 1947 and 1949. She can no longer see well enough to write, but was excited to know of the project when I told her about it and asked that I pass this along to you. On her behalf and mine, thank you for commissioning this project!

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Jackie Berguin's Letter:

My life has been very full, but recently has been limited due to macula degeneration and loss of eyesight. Through the rocky courses of my life, I have learned to turn to the Serenity Prayer most certainly, during this latest chapter in my life, the prayer has been my strength. I would like to share it with you.

O' God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Reinhold Niebuhr, circa 1940

Enjoy life to the fullest, whatever you do.

Jackie Berguin
U of I Kappa Alpha Theta 1947-1949
U of I Women's Swim Team 1947-1949