Dear HEF Donors,

My name is Maria and I am a senior at Brandon High School. I am Filipino American and people always ask me if I am Spanish or Asian, or what. I saw Ms. Huff giving away this book, *Patron Saints of Nothing* in the lunch room. She was telling another student about it and I asked to see a copy. When I read on the back that the main character was Filipino and that it was written by a Filipino American author, I got very excited! Ms. Huff told me there was even some Tagalog in the novel and I think I screamed in excitement. She says that I said, “I feel seen!” It’s true. I don’t ever get to read novels where the characters look like me or share the same background as me and I was SO excited to read this book! Thank you so much for buying these books for us so that I could read it and keep it and let my siblings read it! This book, even though it is sad, made me so happy. Thank you so much!

Thank you,

Maria

Brandon High School Senior