

August 28, 2014

Dr. Frank and Mrs. Lisa Polk
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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Polk:

I would like to take a moment to thank you for your contributions to the John and Agnes Gleeson Scholarship Fund. With rising education costs, support by donors such as yourself provides me with opportunities I may not have otherwise – opportunities I am extremely grateful for.

This fall marks my junior year of electrical engineering studies at the University of Iowa. But from the time I was young, I knew I wanted to be a Hawkeye. I grew up in Des Moines, and Saturday mornings during football season meant a two-hour trek to Iowa City with my father, an Iowa alumnus and diehard football fan. By my senior year of high school, my motivation to attend Iowa shifted from an athletic to an academic focus once I decided to study engineering.

Through effort and dedication, I've made the most of my first two years in Iowa City, building a problem solving foundation that will serve me well for an entire career to come. I've also pushed myself to expand my experiences beyond engineering, taking Russian literature and Chinese history courses and starting a show on the campus radio station. Additionally, I work for the College of Engineering as a student tutor, aiding fellow students in introductory courses.

Two years of hard work paid off this past summer when I had the opportunity to spend twelve weeks living in Fargo, North Dakota, and supporting John Deere's principal electronic design team. My tasks were both challenging and rewarding, exposing me to circuit theory and technology I hadn't yet seen in the classroom. My internship experience gave me a new appreciation of the complexity of industry-standard design and a new passion for electronics.

With two years of electrical engineering study left and an entire career to follow, I believe anything is possible in my professional life. I feel grateful for this sense of opportunity, and, in return, I am motivated to make the most of it. Thank you again for your support of students such as myself.

Sincerely,

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