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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bellisario,

I was recently notified I was chosen as a scholarship recipient of the DONALD P. BELLISARIO TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP in the College of Communications. This is the third time I have directly benefited from the scholarship bearing your name so I am writing to thank you again for the generosity and interest. And, I would like to provide an update and share my opinion as to why I believe Penn State University is the place to be.

As mentioned in 2017, I am a veteran and transfer student from The University of Texas at Austin (UT) attending Penn State University through an online program called World Campus. Sometime between my time spent at UT and PSU, I used keycards to help promote 14 major motion pictures for Sony--most of which became blockbusters at the box office. This experience sparked my interest in Advertising/PR so I returned to college to learn more about it.

I am a senior. I have five classes. I am majoring in Communications with an Advertising/PR emphasis and with a 3.79 GPA. I recently became a Phi Kappa Phi member, which is our nation's oldest, most prestigious honor society. Other notable members include Hillary Rodham Clinton, Ruth Ginsburg, and our former President Jimmy Carter, just to name a few.

During the past year, I have enjoyed taking a wide variety of courses in pursuit of my academic goals. This includes many interesting subjects like advertising, public relations, art history, and even a class on how important sports are to our society, all of which have lifted my understanding of everyday life to a higher level. On a similar note, I have watched over a hundred CSI episodes since last year and I am impressed. Everybody loves a good who-done-it, so it is no wonder the show stayed on for 15 seasons.

That being said, from my unique perspective, the most impressive part of the Penn State experience continues to be the instructors. The professors here have exceeded all expectations by demonstrating a never-ending patience for my educational needs. I found this to be especially true when I have taken courses in the College of Communications at the University Park campus and I can cite many examples of their unbelievable service. Maybe one day, when I am done here, I can share some of these stories with you.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet and personally thank you. My email address is rsm5418@psu.edu and phone is 202-763-0808, if you ever want to reach out.

Again, thank you for creating this scholarship for Bellisario College of Communications' students. I am honored to be a part of its legacy and it is a privilege to represent you and your award.

Sincerely,

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