

To Alumni Scholarship Program,

I personally wanted to say how grateful I am for the opportunity given to me by the Alumnus of the University of Alabama here in Jacksonville, Florida. I am honored and greatly appreciate this opportunity to receive the Curtis Robert Middlekauff Memorial Endowed Scholarship to help with my journey towards majoring in Mechanical Engineering as well as the STEM Path to the MBA Program at the University of Alabama for the fall of 2021.

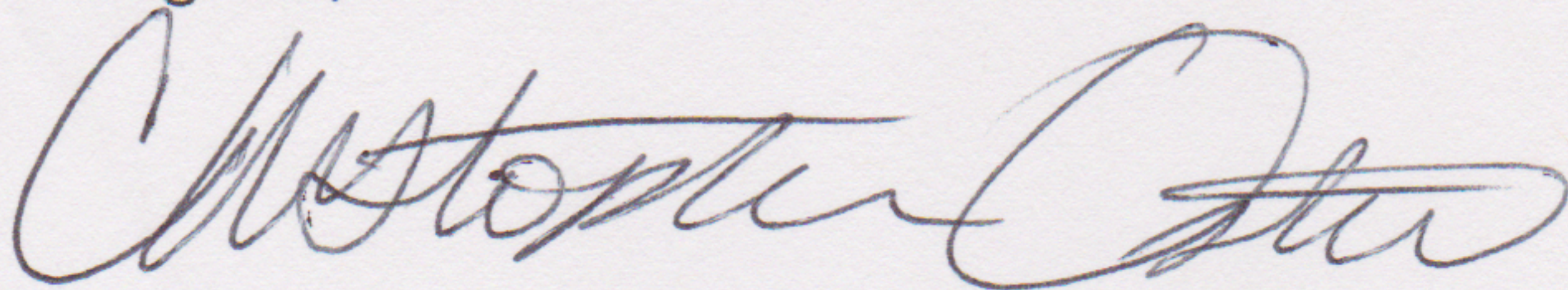
I am currently a senior at Fleming Island High School and have actively participated in First Tech Challenge (FTC) as well as Youth Leadership Jacksonville (YLJ) both which expanded my knowledge regarding leadership and teamwork. I chose my academic path targeting the Advanced International Certificate Education (AICE) program that would challenge my aptitude and develop my critical thinking skills. As an avid golfer, I secured a position on the high school golf team and contributed all four years. Golf is a strategic balance between the physical and mental aspects, one possesses, that ultimately determines one's final score. Plus, it's a great sport to network with other enthusiasts especially if your score is going in the wrong direction.

University life is another goal towards becoming a productive member of society. I researched over two dozen colleges and began to narrow down my choices by personally touring those institutions that piqued my interest both from an academic, extracurricular and social atmosphere. Having the opportunity to connect with the local Alabama recruiter, in Jacksonville, Florida, I was able to set up a personal tour and meet with the Head of STEM Path to MBA which opened my eyes to a multitude of growth possibilities for a career in engineering. Also, the campus environment is especially inviting to students wanting to interact with other students, professors and alumni.

I received acceptance offers across various states like Texas, Alabama, Virginia, North Carolina and Florida. It didn't take much to sway me towards my decision to choose University of Alabama. I am truly looking forward to a much more challenging academic curriculum and building a diverse network of colleagues while becoming an active member of the "Roll Tide" community. I plan on participating in various clubs and organizations offered on campus that assist me in my goal of becoming a contributing member within the engineering industry. This is an exciting opportunity and I want to experience this robust atmosphere while at the University of Alabama.

Thank you for this significant award!

Regards,



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