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To Whom it May Concern:

A. Bartlett Giamatti, who was the President of Yale University from 1978—1989, once said, “A liberal education is at the heart of a civil society, and at the heart of a liberal education is the act of teaching.” I feel that this quote pretty accurately sums up how I now feel about the education of the next generation, now that I have been an intern for Digital Opportunity Trust’s “TeachUp!” program. Before this internship, I never realized just how much time and energy teachers have to put into their lessons. Just making a PowerPoint presentation for one lecture can take an entire evening! Many of the teachers at Center Hill High School have expressed gratitude towards my help in finding them resources, and I am filled with pride knowing that I have helped to improve the quality of the next generation’s education.

This internship has not only changed my outlook on education; however, it has also changed my life as a whole. I was planning on being a graphic designer, before this internship, and this internship was just supposed to be a one-year job to have while I was finishing school. Now, however, my plans are quite different. I strongly feel that the best place for me next year is back at Center Hill High School, so that I can continue to gather resources and help the teachers here. I feel that the one year was not enough time to truly make an impact, for every teacher. Many of the teachers have projects that they want to work on with me, but cannot do it until next year. There are just so many things that still need to be done!

I very strongly want to work as a second-year intern next year. I am planning to go through one of Mississippi’s “Alternate Route Teaching Programs” (online) next year, and I feel that working as a TeachUp! Intern, while I go through that year-long program, would be the best place for me. I have finally found the work environment that I belong in!

Sincerely,

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