

Paulding Education Foundation

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To the Paulding County Education Foundation:

It has been nearly seven months since I have received the Paulding County Education Foundation Scholarship to put towards my education at KSU Marietta (formerly Southern Polytechnic State University) to study Civil Engineering. Since then, I have moved into the dorms on campus where my roommate and I have our own rooms and share a bathroom and counter area. Although the first-year requirement to live on campus has been costly, waking up every day on campus and being right at school is so convenient. I feel as if I fit in to this school so well; I've made new friends, began to eat healthier and have become more physically and socially active. I am also very proud to say that nearly two months ago I was offered a position as an intern at Atwell, LLC, which is a large Civil Engineering, Surveying and Consulting company with locations that span across the country. I work in and out of the office as an Administrator and CAD Intern, working nearly 17 hours each school week. Over my Christmas break I plan to work full time, and Atwell would like for me to work full time over the summer as well. As my first semester as a college freshman has come to an end, I managed to pass all of my classes with A's and B's. I've learned so much! Honestly, I do not know if all of these great things would've happened to me if it were not for the Paulding County Education Foundation Scholarship. Having the pressure of college debt this semester would have definitely been stressful, so I am so blessed to have had the Paulding County Education Foundation award me with a \$1000 scholarship to help with the cost this semester. Because of this, I have not had to take out any loans yet, which my family and I are very happy about. So far, everything seems to be going well and I am so glad that the Paulding County Education Foundation could be a part of my first semester as a freshman in college. I appreciate all of your help, and I wish the Paulding County Education Foundation a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,



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