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An update on your generous support from your scholar
Bartlomiej Proscinski





Dear Donor,

I hope you are doing well! As the year comes to an end, it marks the end of my first year as an undergraduate student. A phenomenal experience to say the least. I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous support. It has had an incredible impact on my year, enabling me to focus on my academic and personal development without that financial stress. So far, the exam season has gone extremely well, I've managed to achieve over 80% in each of my final year exams and I only have 1 more to go! So, I will be trying to upkeep these results going into the next academic year.

Over the course of this year, I have grown increasingly passionate about my course. In particular, I found the Introduction to financial and management accounting module highly engaging, and it has deepened my appreciation for the principles behind financial decision making and inspired me to pursue the course with even greater enthusiasm. I am really looking forward to the second year of my degree, where I will explore these areas in more depth, and have a wider selection of work experience available to me, with my vaster knowledge into the finance sector.

Beyond the classrooms, I have actively engaged with the various professional development opportunities offered. I attended a Speed networking event, which significantly enhanced my communication and interpersonal skills. It gave me a clearer understanding of how to present myself professionally, ask meaningful questions, and build those valuable connections in the industry. Additionally, I took part in an online LinkedIn optimisation workshop, helping me craft that stronger online presence and better prepare myself for future networking events and internships.

Outside of academics, I am an avid sports fan and loved the annual sports day hosted by the university, which was a fantastic opportunity to socialise and relax after a hard year of university work. Some of my favourite memories this year include travelling to Milan, Italy with my brother to watch the champions league, and watching the football after lectures in the lecture theatres with many students, where we gathered in the evening to enjoy the games and meet like-minded people. These moments truly helped boost my confidence and made me feel more connected both on and off campus.



I'm also currently working on a small online eBay business, which has been steadily growing over the past year. This has taught me a lot about the real-world application of financial principles. From managing my cash flow and tracking expenses to considering hiring accountant and analysing my performance metrics, the business has shown me just how detailed and enjoyable finance can be. It's also encouraged me to explore and think more about the financial mechanics behind running a business.

Looking ahead, I am actively seeking an opportunity to complete more work experience placements at an accounting firm, to gain insight into the profession and build industry connections to potentially secure a graduate job offer in my third and final year.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your incredibly generous support. Your help not only relieves financial pressure but also enables me to travel into cities and gain the work experience in top finance firms which is a very valuable opportunity which I wouldn't have had before! These opportunities will be instrumental in shaping my future.

Yours faithfully,

Bartlomiej Proscinski



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