

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Welch,

I hope all is well! I am a junior at UMass Amherst studying Operations and Information Management and Computer Science. I received the Jack Welch Scholarship back in 2012. Thank you again for this generous scholarship and opportunity of a lifetime. Everything is going so well for me right now, and I can't thank you enough for allowing me this opportunity. I really enjoyed the book signing event that both of you did here at UMass. It was wonderful to briefly meet you and I appreciated you taking the time out of your busy schedules to visit our school. I wish we had the opportunity to chat more, but I understand that you are both very busy people! I know that everyone enjoyed the talk and was grateful to hear the thoughts and opinions of experienced business leaders like yourselves.

As my junior year winds down, I can say that it truly was an amazing year! I joined the National Executive Board of Protect Our Breasts, a non-profit breast cancer prevention organization that was founded here at UMass. Through this experience, I have learned what it is like to essentially operate a small business and I get to share information with my peers about harmful chemicals that can contribute to breast cancer. I would love for you to take a look at some of our work by searching 'Protect Our Breasts' on Facebook! I am really proud to be part of this organization.

Another great part of this year was the Alternative Spring Break trip I went on. We traveled to New Orleans to assist with Hurricane Katrina relief. It is amazing that ten years after the storm there is still work to be done and families who are still not able to move back home. This was an eye-opening experience which made me more thankful for everything that I have.

I am also happy to say that I received a summer internship offer back in November! I will be working in the Forensic Technology and Discovery Services group at Ernst & Young. I will be working in the Boston office. I am looking forward to learning more about cybercrime, forensic data analytics, and other areas that the group works in. It seems like a unique experience and I can't wait to get started.

As you can see, good things are happening for me! None of this would be possible without the excellent education I am receiving at UMass and that would not be possible without the kindness of both of you. The scholarship I received before my freshman year opened so many doors for me. I did not have to worry about the financial burden of college and I was able to explore many different opportunities, including studying abroad, pursuing a double major, and more. I can't thank you enough for giving me the Jack Welch Scholarship. I hope that I am making you proud!

Sincerely,

UMass Amherst Scholarship Recipient