

December 3, 2016

Sangamon Valley Chapter of the Association for Facilities Engineering
c/o Office of Advancement
College of Engineering
310 Engineering Hall (MC-269)
1308 W. Green Street
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Members of Sangamon Valley Chapter of AFE,

I was recently awarded the scholarship for engineering students from the Sangamon Valley area. I know that your association provides this scholarship through donations of members, and I would like to thank you for your generous contribution. I am extremely appreciative for this award because it will go toward tuition and fees and allow me to focus on my schoolwork and research instead of worrying about money.

I am currently a junior in Mechanical Engineering with a nearly completed minor in Atmospheric Sciences. I am involved with research in nanotechnology; my research has recently been submitted for publishing and I am excited to say that I will be the second author on the paper. Further, I am the Vice President of the Rube Goldberg Society. Last year, our club placed third at nationals, and we hope to improve upon that this year. In my spare time, I enjoy attending football and basketball games.

I have not yet decided my after-graduation plans. My involvement in research suggests I further my education and complete grad-school, but I am also interested in working with a company to produce products that directly affect consumers. However, I do know that I want to use my knowledge of climate change to help shape my designs in order to decrease our impact on the environment.

Thank you again for the generous scholarship; I am extremely honored to be the chosen recipient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Sias". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a distinct "S" at the end.

David Sias