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May 2, 2025

Dear Henry:

It is with real regret that I write to let you know that we will not be able to offer you a place in the class entering Duke this fall. I realize this is disappointing news, and I want to assure you that our decision was not an easy one. We received over 1,700 applications this year for just 125 spaces for transfer applicants; we were sorry we could offer admission to only a small percentage of our many exceptionally accomplished and talented applicants.

I realize you may wonder if there was a shortcoming or weakness in your application. In fact, my colleagues in Admissions were struck by your accomplishments and the work it took to achieve them, and by your perseverance during some very challenging years; we wish we had room for all who deserved a place here. Unfortunately, we do not have an appeal or reconsideration process, either for admission or a place on our waiting list.

I know this is not the letter you wanted to receive. My colleagues in Admissions thank you for sharing so much of yourself through your application; it's clear that you have great potential for much success in college and beyond, and that you will achieve that success in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Alec D. Gallimore, Ph.D.
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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