As a recent graduate of high school and a new addition to the BCIT community, I extend an immense amount of gratitude in response to being awarded a BCIT President's Entrance Award. My experience at BCIT in the past few weeks in the Digital Design and Development program has been nothing short of spectacular, and well above my expectations. I've adopted an extroverted and charismatic personality throughout secondary school, and those traits have assisted me in thriving both socially and academically. I believe that no one should ever be a spectator in their own life, and that idea has made me seize every opportunity presented to me. Evidently, that also led me to BCIT. Other than my interests in business and computers, I often enjoy experiencing sights outside. If I could be inside designing and coding on the rainy days but out adventuring on the sunny ones, life would be perfect. This award has acted as a catapult to get me to that goal. I chose to attend BCIT because when researching every possible career option and post secondary, BCIT had 1 program I felt was made for me. Digital Design and Development combines all my experiences and passions. From my business interests to my proficiency in technology. This school will lead me to a career in one of the biggest cities emerging as a technology hub, and the networking opportunities are limitless. It was in high school that I decided that this is the life that I wanted, and truly BCIT is the transportation taking me there. Wherever that might be or whatever that might look like. I now have a lone sticker on my laptop with "Education for a complex world" written on it. We are only 3 weeks into the school year, but for the first time ever I am visibly excited for every single class I'm enrolled in. Everyday that I wake up early and look at that sticker as I put my laptop into my bag, I'm confident that I made the right choice.

Thank you for everything,

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