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To whom it may concern,

Currently, I am a student at the University of Florida (go Gators!), pursuing a combined Bachelor's and Master's degree in Information Systems from one of the top-ranked business programs in the nation. As a supplement to these plans, I am pursuing an internship for this upcoming summer. Although I have previous experience working under a lead Systems Analyst from my past internship, I am also interested in other positions such as data analysis, front-end user experience design, and market research.

My top three passions are: entertainment, innovation, and learning about people. I have been managing myself as a musician since I was thirteen, and have learned the basics of how to run my own business, such as increasing my market through Facebook's platform offering demographic data that I utilized for the release my first single on iTunes last year. Throughout the years, I have learned how to use demographics to acquire more information about people, in order to supplement my passion for entertainment, as well as innovating new strategies and projects.

Since attending UF, I can safely say that it has taught me a plethora of information about technology and business, which is what my degree is primarily focused on. Along with this, the internship that I have done with an IT department this past summer has given me the chance to apply what I've learned in school with actual IT operations—such as assisting with the Business Requirements Document or data analysis. During my internship, I could provide my mentor with helpful solutions, such as suggesting a more structured Traceability Matrix document in order to save time and money. Along with this, I have been given abundant opportunities such as participating in UF's annual "Hackathon", where I could make an app with five other teammates, or spending my Spring Break in Silicon Valley to learn from successful creators of startups within the field of technology.

Technology is disrupting every industry, which is rapidly changing the world, and I absolutely want to be a part of it. Even though I have a natural tendency to think creatively and view things differently than most, I am pursuing a STEM degree to increase my logical thinking skills as well. By pursuing a technology degree, I am able to quickly understand new database structures and operation systems. My goal is to expand my range of skills, so that I can solve whatever problem is given to me, while also using my creative skills to see beyond an unsparing equation. Rather than disregarding my creative-thinking skills entirely, I can incorporate them into my technological projects. For example, I have recently begun writing a blog solely devoted to technology, by request of a technology organization at my university.

Ideally, I will be able to utilize my skillset and knowledge with your company in order to help impact its success. I hope to speak with you soon! Please call me at (904) 868-6740 or email me at [lslyman7@ufl.edu](mailto:lslyman7@ufl.edu).

Regards,

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