

Dear Mom,

For starters I am doing fairly decent at my new school, also I noticed that the last time we spoke you were a bit confused as to what I am studying at my college. Computer Science is a *HUGE* industry which involves many many careers. A good thing however and also a fun fact is that the computing industry has one of the highest starting salaries for a fresh college graduates. There is a difference between computer science, software engineering, and information technology. Computer Science is the use of algorithms to manipulate, store, and communicate digital information, Software Engineering is the use of computer science and engineering principles to build software products, develop computer games, and run network control systems. Finally the information technology field is basically the same as Computer Science however often in the context of a business or other enterprise. To make it more simple a software engineering job may include being a Web Developer, Information Technology jobs may include being a Director of Information Technology, and finally a computer science career can be both of the previous jobs. Computer Science is more of the big picture while the other two are pieces of that picture. Sorry for such a long ramble to you mom but I am very passionate. I very interested in becoming a software engineer in the near distant future, you know this but ever since you got me my first game at 8 years old I have wanted to make my own video games. However, it is more than just wanting to make video games. I feel like many people just say that because it's the cool thing to say but really it is more than that for me. I have always been good with computers but I have also been in love with entertainment for as long as I can remember. Gaming has become a steadily growing industry and I saw both of these and realized my all time goal was to make a series of games that I am proud of. More than just the fact that I want to make something I would enjoy but more that someone else can say is their favorite form of entertainment. Anyways, my classes and grades can be better but they will be with time. It is good to hear from you mom and thank you for consistently sending me letters to let me know how you are.

Sincerely,
Your Son Kevin.