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Greetings. My name is Jaylen Alexander Bush and I am a Senior Unmanned Aircraft Systems with a minor in Information Security and Risk Management. I am looking forward to walking the stage in about a year's time, God permitting. Post graduation, I want to be the best professional aviator that I can be. Flying planes, drones, and everything that has to do with the business of aviation is my passion. Previously, more and more doors have opened up for me to consider professionally, and I am extremely blessed to be where I am now. Deciding on flying manned aircraft for the rest of my life, working in a technology firm as a drone pilot and security specialist, or pursuing the military route are paths that I can now consider. If I could do all of a variation of each, then I have found my fulfillment. For now, I will enjoy my senior year at Lewis, at some capacity, and work to get there.

Lewis University has become my home over these past 3 years. The University has allowed me to not only learn, but understand, grow up as a man, and meet extraordinary individuals. From the dorms halls to the classroom, I am grateful for the blessings the school gave me. When it comes to computer science and programming, however, my experience has not

been as positive. My introduction to comp-sci class had to be the most challenging class I have taken at Lewis, but I gave it my best shot in the face of adversity. In hindsight, I wished that I kept attempting to teach myself Python and get an understanding on how to code before I thought I would never have to work on that stuff ever again. With this class, however, I want to try my best to learn to code properly, understand what I am doing, and come out of the class a better programmer than I thought I would be. I will be asking plenty of questions and going to the study tables on a regular basis, so please be advised.

When I am not working on classwork, service projects, and internship stuff, I like to hang out with my close friends and family, play video games, host my podcast, watch movies, plan ahead for my future, and serve my community as a man of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. My top three favorite movies are Star Wars (all of them), Interstellar, and Captain America: Civil War. Despite the pandemic and being distanced from my beloved Lewis University and it's community, things have been well for me in the previous 6 months. I stayed busy, doing online classes, obtaining my drone pilot license, making a podcast, and spending quality time with my family. I am now rejuvenated and ready to finish my senior year strong.

As I look back on the road I have trekked through the quarantine and in my life, I understand why I fight for what I do, why I work for what I strive to achieve, and who I want to be by my side in the end. I believe in working hard and focusing on my future at heart since I was not that kid back in high school or even before that. I realized as a result of those who cared about me that I had to change my ways. When it comes to those around me, I have a deep understanding of community and how to be a good neighbor. If that is manifested in brotherhood, trust, understanding, compassion, or anything that has to do with not contributing to

the hate I see every day, I am for it. Especially since there were points in my life where I was lifted up by my community to do the best I can academically and professionally, I have a duty to pay it forward. That's what I believe. Thank you for reading about me, please know that I will work as hard as I can through the graduation stage and beyond.