

January 5, 2013

To the Faculty Petition Board

Re: Andrew Rubin's Application for Reinstatement

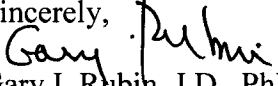
Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of Andrew Rubin's application for reinstatement to the University of Maryland for the Spring 2013 semester. Andrew, my son, was academically dismissed at the end of the Fall 2012 semester -- after he earned an "A," two "A-," and a B-/C+ for the semester. These grades raised his overall GPA at the University of Maryland to 1.93, just .07 points short of the 2.0 GPA I understand he needs as a student with sixty credit hours to maintain his status as a full-time student. Ironically, Andrew had registered for an Anthropology course for the January term so that he could boost his GPA, but he was not permitted to take the class because of the dismissal (about which he learned when he went to class); had he been able to do so, and received a grade of "B" (which I am confident he would have given his recent success), his GPA would have been 2.0 or slightly above going into the Spring 2013 semester.

How did he get to this point? His file will show that he has been academically dismissed before, principally because of a disastrous few early semesters at which his GPA was barely over 1.0, a deep hole from which he has spent a great deal of energy climbing out of, successfully I believe. After a time away from Maryland, during which he did quite well, first at George Washington University and then at the New York Institute of Technology (where he made the Presidential Honor List and the Golden Key Honour Society), he re-applied to Maryland and was re-instated. Since his re-instatement, he has earned the following grades: an "A", two "A-", a "B", a "B-/C+", and a "C+". His mother and I could not be prouder of his effort.

As I noted in my letter to the Board in support of Andrew's previous application for re-instatement, I taught as an adjunct in the English Department at George Mason University for thirty years and have seen young women and men like Andrew who were at GMU as "second-chance" students. You gave Andrew a second chance, and I believe he has shown that he honored the chance you gave him and is capable of succeeding at the University of Maryland. I sincerely hope you will allow him to continue his recent success by reinstating him for the Spring 2013 semester.

Thank you for your consideration of Andrew's application for reinstatement.

Sincerely,

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