

Dear Brown Admissions,

Brown has long felt like a place where I would thrive, both intellectually and personally, and looking up waitlist-to-acceptance statistics didn't help my morale. Intuitively, however, that makes sense. The collection of accomplished, energetic, and curious students accepted by Brown recognize its unique value and hold onto that opportunity. It's clear that the selection process can't be easy and I am incredibly grateful for the care you have taken to review my application. In this letter, I want to share some personal achievements since January, and why I still believe Brown and I would be a great fit.

Since submitting my application to Brown, I was promoted to the [USACO Platinum Division](#) after earning a perfect score and finishing with the 5th fastest time in the contest. At Brown, I'm especially drawn to the customizable APMA curriculum and access to the Oscar HPC supercomputer—resources that will allow me to further focus on computational research and design innovative, efficient architectures for the future. My financial literacy newsletter, [Wealthy Waters](#), has continued to grow. I now have over 7,800 subscribers and proudly rank in the top 3% of Substack writers by engagement. I have remained consistent with weekly uploads and plan on continuing in college. I was also named an ELK MVS Scholar, an honor that further recognizes my community contributions.

On the entrepreneurial side, I have advanced the development of [Accleno](#), my fintech startup. We are still building our market research platform, now integrated with real-time modeling and enhanced with retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) technology. The goal is to unify both research and modeling into a single platform, thereby establishing a niche within the fintech industry. While this experience has been incredibly gratifying, by participating in the B-Lab accelerator and tuning into lectures at ICERM, I am motivated to learn how to 'impact at scale' during my time at Brown.

After visiting campus last fall, it became clear that Brown's values aren't just words but a spirit that trickles through all parts of the student experience. I saw students sprawled across the Quiet Green, deep in discussion or an intense game of spikeball. I wandered past the bust of Dante, its calm gaze seeming to reflect the thoughtful, open-minded energy of the Brown community. Inside the airy, glass-lined study spaces of the CIT, students worked together in fluid clusters, always within reach of a brainstorm-stained whiteboard. Brown students like venturing outside, interacting with new ideas, and actually supporting each other—values that I embody as well. As a waitlisted student, I hope that Brown's community of adventurous thinkers and righteous doers has a home for me as well.

I sincerely appreciate this opportunity for a second review, and I want to reaffirm that Brown remains my first choice. If admitted, I will immediately accept and proudly matriculate to the Class of 2029. Thank you again for your time, and I look forward to your response.

Warm regards,
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