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Hello,

My name is Sumedha Kolli, and I am a sophomore at the University of Southern California majoring in Computer Science/Business Administration with a minor in Applied Analytics. On campus, I am involved in both professional organizations, such as Smart Woman Securities and Scope, and community-based organizations, like Scholars Leading Scholars, that combine to create both technical and societal awareness. Through Smart Woman Securities, I have developed skills in analyzing financial statements, completing comparable valuations, and creating stock pitches. With Scope, I am able to participate in internal hackathons and create personal projects in various technologies, including Node.js, React Native, and Electron. In Scholars Leading Scholars, I mentor high school students in the LA County area, an opportunity where I am not only able to help my mentees, but also learn about the perspectives and ideas of different people.

Over the summer, I was fortunate to be a Data Analytics intern at an early start-up called The Women's Network, which focuses on building an inclusive community of ambitious college students across the country. My initially assigned role involved programming, compiling, and analyzing the data on 7,000+ TWN members to find insights for problem-solving and strategy across all of the organization's operations. A couple assignments into my position, I began wanting more technical and hands-on experience. I took the initiative and talked to my boss, and she agreed to let me jump into different assignments. I would look for areas of improvement and see how my skills could be of use. Eventually, I found myself doing the front and back-end development of different parts of TWN's website, as well as running cost-benefit analyses on different email marketing platforms. This also led me to be involved in our organization's email marketing, branding, and personalization, an area I would not have approached had it not been for this opportunity. Overall, I am so glad I approached my boss about expanding my involvement, as I was able to explore so many different areas and interact with people of diverse interests and skills. Indeed, there is a lot to be done at this start-up, which means that there are that many more chances to learn and grow. While improving my problem-solving, time-management, and communication skills, I also learned to advocate for myself and my abilities, and to also keep an open mind and remain flexible to any type of experience that may come my way.

In general, I hope to find a position filled with endless learning opportunities, challenges, and interactions with driven and passionate people. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing back from you!

Sincerely,

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