• Tell me about a time you worked on a project that was cancelled or changed. What were the circumstances and how did you feel about the changes being made?

Throughout the past 3 years I have been the Vice President of my Universities Rocketry Club (UNH Students for the Exploration and Development of Space). Since the foundation of this organization in 2017, our eyes have been set on competing in the 2020 Spaceport America Cup Competition. In this competition we will be launching a hybrid powered rocket to the target apogee of 10,000 ft with a gimbal assisted guidance system. About a month ago, the engineering leads convened and concluded that the addition of a gimbal assisted guidance system would not be feasible if we wanted to complete our rocket by June of next year. This was disheartening to me because a major part of the program I had tirelessly worked on for the past years was sidelined. Although saddened, it was paired with the realization that for us to be successful at Spaceport, we must operate within the mindset of what is possible for us as undergraduates who knew so little about rocketry just a few years ago. As I am graduating next spring, I will be unable to see the gimbal project to competition, regardless, my passion and devotion to the team and our mission is key and steadfast. If accepted as an Intern, I will exhibit this mentality for the team surrounding me and the mission of Virgin Orbit. Personally, setting ambitious goals is was propels us further than what we first thought possible, while maintaining a logical mindset keeps us grounded and focused on this journey to the stars.