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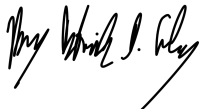
Dear Mr. Gilroy,

I knew from a young age that I wanted to be a meteorologist. My love for math, science, and tropical cyclones were stepping stones toward my path. My upbringing in Houston, an area prone to tropical cyclones, contributed to my interest, which motivated me to pursue meteorology. I have to admit that my skills, knowledge, and experiences in weather and weather forecasting were lacking compared to other incoming freshmen, which made it challenging since I wanted to work at the National Weather Service in the future.

Regardless, this motivated me to learn and refine both my knowledge and skills in any way I could to achieve my dream career. I have taken advantage of the various opportunities the University of Oklahoma has offered me and have been proud of the three years of success and growth I strived for. I have improved my forecasting skills via a student organization (which provided a first glance at a forecasting career) and have been introduced to meteorology research through a student research assistant position at the National Severe Storms Laboratory. Yet my proudest achievement is my current Hollings internship at the National Hurricane Center. Knowing that I have progressed so far to now be interning at the office with a focus on my weather interests creates a great sense of achievement.

I, along with my family, would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the Naval Weather Service Association, and the American Meteorological Society for awarding me the NWSA Senior Scholarship. Your financial contribution for my senior year will allow me to continue this upward progression and further improve my weather knowledge and forecasting skills while mitigating financial concerns.

With sincerity and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Patrick Galang". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Roy Patrick Galang