

May 21, 2016

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Julie Oak
Human Resources Manager
The Bergen Gazette
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Dear Ms. Oak:

I am very interested in pursuing a summer internship at *The Bergen Gazette*, and I hope you will consider me for the position. I heard about the internship from family friend Ken Ginnis who retired from the *Gazette* last year. I am excited to contribute to the *Gazette's* diverse and spirited journalistic team. I am confident that the writing and investigative skills I have acquired over the last three years as well as my hometown knowledge of Bergen will be an asset to your team at the *Gazette*.

During my term as a staff writer for the *Catalyst*, Colorado College's weekly student newspaper, I acquired hands-on interviewing and writing skills by conducting over twenty interviews and wrote articles for our weekly feature "Get to Know CC." As the News Editor and later the Features Editor at the *Catalyst* I have developed practical journalism knowledge of working with writers, sticking to deadlines, and curating excellent content. Earlier this month, I was named next year's *Catalyst* Editor-in-Chief, and I am eager to get started in that new capacity. Additionally, my role as the Distribution Manager for Cutler Publications has provided me with the organizational skills to manage the logistical aspects of printing and disseminating the news.

In addition to my practical experiences, my minor in Journalism has taught me the basic tenets of the trade. A position with a respected citywide publication such as the *Gazette* will allow me to apply what I have learned thus far in the field and in the classroom. My future plans include working for a newspaper for several years before attending graduate school. A summer internship at the *Gazette* is the perfect opportunity for me to contribute to a high-level team and continue my own journalistic education.

Thank you for your time in considering my application. If I can provide you with any additional information, please contact me at (201) 545-1781. I look forward to talking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Ellen Peng

January 6, 2015

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Ned Niffersen
Program Director
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Dear Mr. Niffersen:

I am writing to express interest in an internship position at PHAMALY this summer. I first read about PHAMALY in the Denver Post's article about your production of *Beauty and the Beast*. I was impressed by how hard your company works to create a place for disabled people within the fine arts. As a hearing impaired cellist, your mission resonates personally with me. Like PHAMALY, I believe that the arts can be accessible to everyone; what limits us are the restrictions we place upon ourselves. In addition to my enthusiasm for your company, my significant involvement with music coupled with my experience coaching students make me an ideal intern.

Music changed and enriched my life because it opened up a creative outlet for me. I find that some time spent immersed in my music often gives me fresh perspective. In high school, I had the opportunity to teach beginning cellists within my community. As an instructor, my job was to stir up excitement in the students and help them to understand the accessibility of music while challenging them to grow. Through this one-on-one instruction, I found communicating passion for music required as much listening as it did instructing; each student posed a new challenge due to different individual strengths. At PHAMALY, I will utilize these deep listening and creative thinking skills to work with students to reach their full potential. Also, last spring, I had the opportunity to play for the Denver Young Artists Orchestra and to work with members of the Colorado Symphony orchestra in Denver to improve my own music abilities. My involvement in the local musical community has inspired a passion in me to help people find the same enjoyment in the arts that I have developed.

In addition to my teaching experience, I am an intern in the Career Center at Colorado College. This experience has given me a strong foundation in office and administrative work; taking phone calls, responding to emails, performing data entry, and managing databases have become second nature to me. What has been most rewarding for me has been working directly with our students and alumni to successfully represent themselves to potential employers.

I am thrilled at the prospect of advancing PHAMALY's dedication to challenging the broader community to question stereotypes and pushing disabled people to explore and grow in areas not typically offered to us. I will follow up with you by phone next week to schedule a time to further discuss what I can contribute to the PHAMALY team.

Best regards,

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June 19, 2016

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Jacob Palmer
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Dear Mr. Palmer:

I am very excited about the Research Associate position with the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory and I hope you will consider my application. I recently graduated from Colorado College as a Biology major, and spent three of my undergraduate summers working in the field with expert Biology professors. I have the foundational knowledge, research assistant experience, and data processing training to contribute to the lab's crucial projects.

As a research assistant for the Colorado College Biology Department, I mastered many of the key laboratory skills required for this position. These include gas and liquid chromatography, and nuclear magnetic and infrared spectroscopy. These skills and my dedication to the work earned me the chance to return to the same lab the next summer and continue the research. I worked with my professor to collect and catalogue a record number of samples, which has moved the study forward on a significantly faster timeline.

My extensive biology background and lab data entry skills are supplemented by knowledge of the biology and ecology of the Rocky Mountain region that I have gained in my time as a student. Colorado College's Block Plan, in which students take only one course at a time for three and a half weeks, allows for experiential learning opportunities such as field trips to study the course material first-hand. Truly, the Rocky Mountains have been my most-valued classroom. I hope to bring my knowledge to your lab and continue my own research education by contributing my highest quality of work to your projects.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. If I can provide you with any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (617) 555-2345. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Best regards,



Joseph Smith

October 12, 2015

2756 Jasmine Cove
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Jewel Facet
Recruiter
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Dear Ms. Facet:

Please accept this letter of interest for a position in the Amazon Services Undergraduate Program as advertised through the Selective Liberal Arts Consortium (SLAC). Upon graduation from Colorado College, I will be prepared to utilize the academic concepts and business skills I have acquired to contribute to Amazon's first-rate level of customer service. Furthermore, as a longtime customer of Amazon who has always had positive experiences, I would be thrilled to have the opportunity to work for a company of whom I can be proud.

My liberal arts education has provided me with a strong foundation in my International Political Economy major as well as interdisciplinary studies. Specifically, I have the skills to think critically, read closely, and write well in a fast-paced environment. I have developed these skills while working on Colorado College's demanding Block Plan system, in which students take one class at a time for three and a half weeks. This schedule taught me to break down and solve complex problems by fully immersing myself in multiple projects related to that subject. I am trained to rapidly acclimate to new situations, significantly decreasing the time necessary for me to learn new material. For example, during my time at the nationally-acclaimed graphics engineering company National Instruments, I constantly faced new challenges. Through the combination of my adaptability and tenacious work ethic, I was able to quickly and efficiently complete different assignments. As a first year intern, and later as a senior intern, I was assigned to projects and given little to no supervision. As a result, I learned to research project histories and to ask key questions of the experienced professionals at the company to gain a clear understanding of expectations to execute two large-scale video projects for client business launches. The final product was crucial because it allowed us to see what we had accomplished as a team and to take pride in our work.

During my college years, I cultivated a strong desire to persistently learn. I am never content to settle, fueling a passion for continual growth that pushes me to excel at whatever I do; it is for this reason that Amazon's culture of excellence appeals to me. Additionally, I believe that excellence is achieved through collaboration. The colleagues that I have had the privilege of working with have shown me how to work independently, but also how to cultivate effective business relationships and to value each team member's ideas. This inspiring collaborative atmosphere is an evident part of Amazon's company philosophy. I am certain I will fit well within Amazon because I too am committed to producing excellent results while staying positive and energetic.

The chance to work at your firm that not only does great work, but also has such a strong presence in this industry, is exactly what I am searching for to begin my post-graduation career. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to speaking with you more about the skills and experience I can bring to this position. You can reach me at (619) 958-3625 or at Alejandra.Casals@coloradocollege.edu.

Sincerely,

Alejandra Casals