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“My Interest”

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Hello,

My name is Jakarbi Pemberton. Currently, I am a freshman at Florida A&M University. I loved high school; I was thrilled to graduate on May 24, 2014. To tell you about me; I would say I am a very quiet person who takes life very seriously. This is not to say I do not have fun because I do; but for the past 4 years, I have been concentrating on my education. After my high school journey, I decided to attend a university to major in Architecture. My ultimate goal is to become a licensed architect at a big firm. I have had mentors in my life, but Mr. Ramon Alexander was the one who picked me up, and started me on a better track. Mr. Alexander taught me, “It is not who you know; it is who knows you”, because someone was always watching you. From then on, I began to act maturely in public.

My dreams and aspirations are to be so successful that I am not dependent on anyone else. Ever since I was little, I wanted to have power. To obtain power, I first have to obtain the knowledge, and to do that I have to go to college. I have seen people become too dependent on others, and if anything upsets the relationship the dependent person just crumbles. I do not want that happening to me, so I plan to study hard, make good grades and receive a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree. With my new goal-oriented nature, I realized that I am working towards my college degree and my future success, and I will regain a greater drive to succeed. Moreover, I now realize the emptiness in the lives of people who can only do one thing well. There is tremendous benefits in well-rounded, and I now understand that even my least favorite subject will contribute to my ultimate goal if living a rewarding life while working at a fulfilling career.

In college, I know that the courses will be challenging, but I am willing to do what it takes to pursue my career. Today my appreciation is stronger than ever. This scholarship will not only provide me with hands-on training, but it will also teach me about real-life skills and communication. This scholarship will assist me with my education in order to better my community in which I stay in. Giving back is also a trait that I learned from Mr. Alexander. Working with Distinguished Young Gentlemen of America has helped me developed my leadership skills and helped me to grow as an individual.