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Dear NTEF and the John Gott family,

This was my third year of college, and I had a lot of growth I was able to achieve with the help of the people that supported me, both financially and emotionally. This year, I made a change in my schooling. I made the decision to focus my studies on Computer Science rather than on Psychology. I have been more and more interested in computers and computer science since I have been working on campus in the IT department for a few years now. My classes this year were a blend of both psychology and computer science. I decided I would go a bit slower into a new field, so I have been also taking some smaller, easier psychology credits.

This past year, I also became diagnosed with a chronic illness and have started to use a wheelchair almost full time. It has been difficult to continue my studies and job with this newfound diagnosis, but I am confident in my abilities to be able to continue to work towards my graduation, which will happen on schedule as of now. I have never missed any credits that I have attempted, and I make sure my work is on time and the best it can be.

I wanted to say thank you to the kind and generous people who donate so people like me have a better chance of making it through college and getting a better start in life with higher education. If it wasn't for your goodwill and compassion, I would not be able to focus on my education, have a job at the college that accommodates my needs, and be as successful and set up for success. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the last three years of kindness. I will do everything in my power to make my last year the best it can be, to finish college strong, and to give back after I leave.

Best,

Andy Trumbel

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