

Dear Rob Sprong, Brian Moaddeli and Derek Jorgensen,

This letter is in reference to my experience with the College Works Painting program. I want to thank you, [Brian Moaddeli](#) and Derek Jorgensen for giving me the most significant learning experience of my professional life. At the time that I sat down for my interview I was at junior standing and had changed my major a half dozen times. Although I had plenty of ideas of where I wanted to be personally and financially, I had no idea how to get there. This program gave me the exposure to the working world that I desperately needed. Although my goals are similar to what they were before the program, I now have a path and the skills I need to get achieve them.

Given the current state of the economy, even the top students that graduate my year will be hard pressed to find jobs in their field of study and will count themselves lucky if they get a job working in retail. Thanks to this program and your coaching, I now have the experience and skills to stand above the rest of my peers and recruiters from companies like Google and Morgan Stanley have already expressed an interest in hiring me even though I am still a year away from graduation. I will never have to worry about being trapped in a dead-end job, working for a boss that I hate, and for that I am eternally grateful.

Thank you for everything,

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