



PROVO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Mayor Curtis and Chief Camp:

Thank you so much for the opportunity three Timpview High School seniors, Aubrey Durrant, Lexie Kolb, and Calyb Tirrell, were given to complete an internship with the Provo City Fire Department. Dean York did an outstanding job working with the students. The students rotated their time between four of the fire stations throughout the semester. In addition to their internship hours, Dean facilitated the students earning college credit for FSF 1000 Survey of Fire and Rescue Emergency Services from UVU.

The students had a wonderful experience, and it helped them make decisions about their future careers. Calyb is definitely planning to pursue a career in fire science when he returns from his LDS mission. Aubrey completed internships with both the Fire Department and the Police Department, and now faces the tough decision of which area she wants to continue pursuing. She enjoyed both internships. Lexie loved working with the fire department and previously had been thinking about a career as a sports trainer or nurse. She is now thinking she would really enjoy becoming an EMT and then a life flight nurse.

Over the course of the internship, the students were always very enthusiastic when they spoke with me about the experiences they were gaining at the fire department. They were able to see first hand the responsibilities of a fire man but also talk with professionals and gain their advice for their future career decisions.

Your fire staff's professional demeanor and attitude had a very positive effect on the students. They appreciated the confidence Dean (and the rest of the fire staff) showed in them by giving them so many great experiences and training.

"For schools to succeed, we must look far beyond their classrooms to our communities. Schools will never be much better than the commitment of their communities. Each of our communities must become a place where learning can happen." The fire station and especially Dean York made this a tremendous learning experience for the students. We appreciate so much your support of the internship program.

Best Regards,

Ann Decker

Jared Ferguson

May 7, 2011

Mr. Dean York
Captain, Firefighter
Provo Fire Department - Station 5
271 South 700 East
Provo, UT. 84603

Dear Mr. York,

Thank you so much for accepting me as a high school intern this last semester. I know that it was not your top priority to have high school interns. I understand that you are extremely busy, and I really appreciate the opportunity you gave me. I also would like to thank all the firefighters that I have met, because they have greatly impacted my life in teaching me many skills that will be beneficial. And for their kindness in taking time to show me the fire stations and how the Fire Department operates.

The most important things that I have learned and will be helpful to me if I chose to become a firefighter/EMT, is how the firefighters approach situations, their organization and teamwork, and the professional manner in which they treat the public. I was pleasantly surprised at the friendly and light social atmosphere there is between all the firefighters. The parts that I enjoyed the most were when the firefighters took the time to show me how to perform the different tasks, and the opportunity to go on ride-alongs, then being able to assist, even if it was just a little.

Thank you again for allowing me to have this valuable experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aubree Durrant".

Aubree Durrant

Provo Fire Department

Stations 5, 3, 2

Firemen of Provo

Thank you so much for letting me come ride along with you, I loved it, I had such a great experience. I really learned a lot. You guys gave me a lot of things to do and I got to do a lot of hands on. I feel like I have a good idea of what I want to do because of this. I think this class is a great idea. It was always felt pretty cool when everybody talked about their boring internships at the hospital changing sheets, while I got to be the patient when you guys practiced extrications.

Thanks for giving up your time to teach me so much and show me around. It was a blast getting to know all of you, and to get a taste of what you guys do everyday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lexie Kolb". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Lexie Kolb