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To whom it may concern,

Rarely, if ever, are mere students afforded such opportunities as that which was made available to me through the generosity of the Aspen Institute and the Ricardo Salinas Foundation. Therefore, I feel it imperative to begin by thanking the wonderful people who made my experience possible.

As a student working through university, it can feel sometimes as though the grind of exams, papers, and reading assignments is all for naught. Through the rigor that is the American university system, at times we as students lose sight of our purpose in academia: why what we do is important.

Undoubtedly, the networking opportunities afforded to me were unparalleled and greatly put me at an advantage. Indeed, there is much to be learned from being the least intelligent person in the room. However, what I am most grateful for is the opportunity to meet and learn from real world perspectives to not only improve my professional situation, but to refocus on my passion for national security and foreign policy.

I am forever grateful for the opportunity to represent myself with some of the world's best and brightest. For a long time, my forum badge will serve as a reminder of why it's important to keep reaching and challenging oneself: so that we may improve ourselves, our country, and our world.

Sincerely,

Drew Danik

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Drew Danik".