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To whom it may concern,

When I first entered the Carleton Project, I was a young individual filled with uncertainty and, realistically, little hope for the future. However, as I received guidance from Al, Lilly, and other members of the organization, my perspective shifted. Gradually, I found a sense of purpose and direction. Initially joining as an abstract artist with no clear career path, I navigated through the haze of addiction and unfulfilled pursuits. With the help of thoughtful mentorship, dedicated teaching, and my own drive, I found a legitimate path forward.

The Carleton Project does not adhere to traditional methods of instruction. Instead, it fosters an alternative approach that emphasizes personal growth, individualized programs, and unique teaching methods. These are aspects of education that traditional institutions, designed to "prepare" students, simply cannot offer. Through this program, I gained more than just knowledge; I gained lasting friendships, a sense of family, and valuable mentors.

As I progressed, the program allowed me to explore various career opportunities, evaluate my goals, and work alongside administration to ensure my aspirations aligned with my future ambitions. With clarity and certainty, I set my sights on an ambitious goal: joining the military. The Carleton Project's teachings and focus on leadership prepared me well for this path.

Thanks to my work ethic, dedication, and intellectual abilities, the Department of Defense became an avenue I was particularly well-suited for. After carefully considering my options, I chose the United States Army and focused my efforts on pursuing a career in Combat Military Occupational Specialties.

Ultimately, I decided that the role of "Infantryman" was the best fit for me, aligning with my background and mindset. I tested well for the position and was prepared to serve as both a combat and intelligence asset. This is not only a testament to my personal growth but also to the Carleton Project's ability to help individuals turn their dreams into tangible aspirations.

In conclusion, this program has given me, and my family, hope for the future. It has shaped me into a man who is capable of succeeding, and I will continue to prosper in my journey. I am deeply grateful to my mentors, peers, and administrators for their unwavering support, encouragement, and motivation.

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