

Dear parents, advisors, and peers,

I am a senior who is going to be graduating. I have been in the Big Picture for the last three years of my high school journey. I have gotten better at many things and have learned so much about myself. At times it was hard to get used to how things run, the amount of people, and some of the curriculum that we had to do. It was a new experience that helped me start to enjoy school again.

During my time in Big Picture I have learned how to become comfortable with talking to people that I don't know. Communicating through emails and calling, I have learned to ask for interviews, shadow days, and possible internships. With talking to others I have gotten better at public speaking, going up and talking in front of a large crowd.

I have known that I have always wanted to take a gap year. After the gap year I have wanted to go into college, but lately I have been thinking about the military. The military helps with tuition and gives many different benefits. I've never had a dream college that I've wanted to go to before or have even thought of one. During my gap year I'm going to figure out if the military is something that I want to do, doing research, and asking the questions that I have. Traveling is something that I have always wanted to do, while on my gap year. Taking a few trips in the car to areas that are around Vermont, possible one trip on a plane.

I don't know what I want to do in my future one hundred percent, but whether it's going to join a brotherhood or go to school. I know that I have more to go and more learning in my future. There have been a lot of ups and downs and there will be more.