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Dear Hiring Manager,

As a current undergraduate student at North Carolina State University, pursuing a degree in Veterinary Medicine and Zoology I believe my talents would align greatly with your organization. I stay on the lookout for opportunities around animals and the medical field, so when I saw this opportunity I knew I had to apply.

During my time at my previous jobs I developed a skill set for many things, some including: Animal restraint, blood work and blood drawing, and how to assist during surgical procedures. My knowledge continued to grow after being given the opportunity to go abroad and work hands-on with Thai Veterinarians. I was taught about warning signs of certain diseases, how to complete a blood transfusion, and how to perform more crisis related surgeries. In order to widen my skill set, I also had the chance to work at an elephant sanctuary and perform medical routines on larger animals. While there, I was able to practice bandaging, injections, and blood draws on creatures other than our everyday companion animals. While at school, I have also been a part of our animal science club, which presents us with specialized individuals from many different livestock animals who allow us to assist around the farms, while also teaching us proper reproductive techniques and common complications with the breed.

I do not have much prior experience with livestock animals, but I am willing to learn. I would love the opportunity to expand my knowledge in the cattle industry, to not only further my education, but also experience a different company's values and management style. It's a great opportunity and I look forward to learning more about the U-DAIRE Program!

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to learning more information about your company!

Sincerely,  
Melanie Winstead