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Dear Mrs. Burdick,

Howdy! I just returned from two intense days in College Station for TAMU's Freshman Orientation and wanted to share with you all the details. Included in this letter is a copy of my Fall 2007 class schedule.

During the two days I was able to meet with advisors from the Dwight Look College of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering Department to select the right classes needed to complete a BSME degree. I found out that TAMU Mechanical Engineering is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation this year. One really neat thing that TAMU offers is a class cluster. I will be able to take my Calculus, Physics, and Introduction to engineering classes with the same group of students. This arrangement is a big help to form study groups and establish contact with a small group of peers all working together.

I count myself lucky that I had taken Freshman English in High School and satisfied that requirement because when class registration was opened at 1:30 P.M. on the 20<sup>th</sup>, all the Freshman English classes were full. I was in a registration lab with about 80 other Freshman Mechanical Engineering Students and more than 75% of them needed that class to stay on plan. Since I had already taken two courses of English and two courses of History, I needed to add a basic university course and a kinesiology class to my schedule so I chose Sociology and Golf. As you can see from my schedule, my busiest days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with lighter days Monday and Friday.

I also went by the Financial Aid department and Student Housing departments to ensure that everything was set up and ready to go for August. I will not receive my hall and roommate assignment until mid-July. I certainly hope she likes pink and lime green. My dad thought I should do everything in maroon and white – but then he is a guy.

As a side note, in May, the University of Oklahoma named me to receive the ConocoPhillips Spirit Award. Since I chose to attend Texas A & M University instead of the University of Oklahoma, I was unable to accept their award. I immediately contacted the TAMU Director of Financial Aid, Mrs. Judy Haas, to see if TAMU would match the OU offer. Unfortunately, the particular award was unique to the University of Oklahoma and TAMU was unable to offer the same award. While I was in their department, I met with Mrs. Haas to thank her for working with me. I was very surprised when she told me that I was only one of 10 incoming OU freshmen awarded this scholarship and that TAMU was going to pattern a new TAMU award for incoming freshmen along the same lines. Although it will not help me this year, it will help other future Aggies! Whoop!

All of this would not be possible if the North Harris / Montgomery Counties Desk and Derrick Club had not chosen me the scholarship. Words can never describe the impact the awarding of this scholarship has made in my life. I am very excited to be a member of the Fightin' Aggie Class of 2011 and sincerely thank you and your organization for making this possible.

Best regards, \

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kayleigh'.

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