

Hello,

As the only 2+2 senior in the program, I regret to inform you that I will not be able to attend the annual testimony and reception. I am currently in my semester at Miner Institute in Chazy, NY. As a part of this semester, I will be in Tifton, Georgia for the Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge. I would like to personally thank you for the opportunity that I have been privileged to have, being in the program.

As I am gearing up to finish up my final semester, I am very excited. I am enjoying my time at Miner and having a wonderful experience. We have traveled to Oregon to look at different farms and a creamery, Nevada for the Western Dairy Management Conference, Wisconsin for the Cornerstone Dairy Academy and Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin conference, and are now about to travel to Georgia for Dairy Challenge. At Miner Institute, I am gaining valuable knowledge of the industry from different angles, including research.

I personally feel like the 2+2 program is improving again. If I understand correctly, the VTC students are now touring UVM multiple times throughout their two years there. I think that this is a great thing, because when I was at VTC, I hardly knew anything about how my experience at UVM would be. I did not know how to prepare or what to do, once on campus. One thing that I do not necessarily enjoy, is the Miner semester being in the final semester of school. I have found that it is harder to keep track of things while over in New York, than it would be on campus. It could be difficult to keep on track with advisers and graduation requirements.

I would like to thank you, and apologize, again. I regret not being able to speak about my experience and gratitude, in person. However, Dairy Challenge is part of my curriculum for Miner. Please feel free to share my comments in the testimony, or how you wish.

Thank you again,

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