

Dear Members of the Class of 1960:

My name is Jakob Young. I am in my junior year and wow, time has flown by here at Culver. I would like to thank you and let you know how much I am enjoying my third year here. Earlier this year there was a horrible accident back home that caused my best friend to lose his life. From that point on I realized why I belonged at Culver, back home kids make bad choices and do bad things. Here at Culver I have learned to say no. I have been able to make my own decisions like an adult, and I plan on taking that skill with me everywhere I go in life. This opportunity could have saved my life. I have no idea where I would be if I stayed in Plymouth. I don't regret a single thing about taking this opportunity that you presented to me. I won't be able to ever fully express my gratitude to you. Once I have gone through college and become a doctor, I will make sure that open up doors for boys and girl that were just like me when trying to get into Culver.

I am emotional because I know even though my junior year is only half way over I am running out of time at Culver. I cherish every single day here, even on frosty Wednesday mornings for drill. Speaking of the military, at Culver the military aspects have built the foundation for me to grow on. I have learned all of the basic morals and values of a true gentleman and leader and know it is up to me to determine how much farther I am going to grow.

Athletics here at Culver consumes a great amount of my time since I play three sports. Just in case you haven't heard yet, Culver football hadn't won a sectional since 2000, and this year we did! I led the team in tackles and rushing yards. We as a very strong team won sectionals this year and worked so hard towards winning a regional title, but came up short. Next year is our year - my year - my fellow brothers' year. We are going to make history here at Culver. Basketball season is in full and I am on the varsity team. I definitely am not one of the most skilled players, but I play my heart out on defense and make plays happen. I am excited for the season we have ahead of us this year. I am also excited for baseball. I was able to get myself involved in a travel baseball program this past summer so I believe this year I will again be a valuable part of the team.

My academic achievements this year have honestly stunned me. I received a Gold A at the beginning of this year because of my 3.7 GPA from last year and this year I currently have a 3.6. I am working to get that up higher and I'm giving it my best effort. I have A's in all of my classes. One more aspect of life that I have gained from Culver is self-confidence. When I am speaking to my classes now I am confident and share my thoughts in class and stay actively engaged in class.

Once again thank you for every opportunity that you have given me. I know you think you have only given me the opportunity to come to Culver, but you have also given me to opportunity to live life any way that I want it with endless opportunities to make my dreams come true.

Thank You,

Jakob Young