

Dear Mr. Frye,

I would like to thank you for the funds donated to the mining engineering program at the University of Kentucky. The scholarship fund provided by yourself and North Carolina Coal has allowed me to continue my education here and pursue a career in the mining industry.

Without the scholarship fund I would probably have never chosen mining engineering coming out of high school. I grew up in northern Kentucky where there are no mines and both of my parents were teachers, so while growing up I had no intention of going into the mining industry. Although I made good grades in high school so the mining department offered me scholarship money and after my first internship freshman year, I was hooked on coal and mining in general.

When I graduate in May of 2015 I plan on starting a career in the mining industry most likely in a coal operation. From my past summer's experiences, coal has become something I am very passionate about and I'm not shy about showing that when it comes to politics or environmental views of some of my friends on campus.

Receiving the scholarship money has changed my future tremendously and I thank you for the opportunity to gain an education in mining engineering.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adam Thompson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Adam Thompson