

To the Honors Advisory Committee,

My name is Michaela Jarrett, I am a Senior at Radford University majoring in Computer Science, with a 4.0 GPA. I was born and raised in Radford, and have been a Highlander since I was young. One of my first memories was watching my older sister graduate in Moffett quad. As you can understand, Radford University has been a part of my life for a very long time.

Along with my acceptance to Radford University, I was also accepted into the Honors College. I knew absolutely nothing about it, other than it sounded like something great for my resume. Though, this opportunity has been one of my favorite parts of college. Inside the Honors department I have taken amazingly informative classes, I have learned about my family history, I have won a statewide award (Emerging Honor Scholar of the Year 2020), and most importantly I have learned a lot about myself. You may think I am simply trying to sing the praises of the Honors college to gain your leniency. But I hope you understand when I write I would not be the well spoken, confident, and informed woman I am today without it.

Outside of my accomplishments at school, I have worked internships my entire career at college, starting a week after I graduated High School. To start, I worked as Technology Support for Radford City Schools. The next year, I took a job at Radford University working as a peer instructor, and I also joined the Cybersecurity team conducting research for the Cybersecurity Competition Radford holds annually. My most recent position started May 2020, working as an Quality Assurance Intern at 1901 in Blacksburg, dealing with everything from Manual testing to Automation Engineering. I am very excited to say, I will be starting my full time position at 1901 in January upon my early graduation in December.

I feel it is important to note the reason for my delayed Capstone proposal. You see, I was planning on finishing out my 4 years at Radford and going on a research trip with the Physics department to have enough credit hours to be full time. This project was my original plan for my capstone. But, with a recent random schedule change all of my plans went out the window. With this realization that I would have to move my plans around and would be unable to participate in the research project, I decided it would be in my best interest to graduate early. After speaking with my managers they were very excited about my starting 6 months earlier than planned. All of this to say, I promise this letter has not come out of my lack of planning for this last year of college.

My capstone project will be finishing building a website for a local Rental company. This rental company is called Jarrett Properties, and it happens to be owned by my parents. I was very excited to be able to pay forward my college education in a way that helps my family.

I realize that I am a month late, but I find I perform best in the face of adversity. I have no doubt that I will be able to fully finish this capstone by the time I graduate. As my schedule consists of a single one credit class, the odds do seem to be in my favor. My hardwork and dedication to my studies have brought me here today, writing this letter to you. I hope you share my confidence that this will be not only a great capstone, but a website that will help further a local company.

I appreciate your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michaela (Mouse) Jarrett