



To EACE

December 2015

Happy holidays,

Hope all is well. I wanted to touch base as one of my goals is to keep in touch more with those who have helped me tremendously at a point in my life. Since your committee graciously awarded me a Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship back in 2012, it helped me explore many new opportunities. It was also the first time I went to Maine and I loved my experience.

Since then, life has been going very well. Three months after attending the EACE conference back in 2012, I landed a job as a Residence Hall Coordinator in the Residence Life department at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania where I currently work with male students helping them adjust to college life through activities in the residence halls. I believe the conference played a major part in me having a successful interview. Since working at Lincoln University, the Director of Career Services has been my mentor and continues to give me a lot of great advice. We often collaborate and do resume/interview programs for students. I was also recently honored by the National Society of Leadership and Success with an "Excellence in Service to Students Award".

Outside of work, my debut book, "Master of Ceremonies", is scheduled to be released in early 2016. The book is about how to be a successful male who takes ownership over his own life. The book discovers how to develop your relationships with family, friends, and most importantly, yourself. Readers will also learn life skills including the importance of financial management, how to write a check, how to tie a necktie, employee etiquette, interviewing techniques, living independently, and much more.

Next year, I will be hosting my own radio show called "Thinking Out Loud" which can be heard in parts of Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland and will be hosting my own YouTube channel show called "Words for Wednesday" which will provide inspirational videos to people around the world. I am also proud to announce I will be launching my own company soon which will offer life coaching, college preparation assistance, and community workshops at very affordable rates. Very soon, I am looking to enroll in graduate school and study Higher Education Administration to continue helping college students (I scored in the 93rd percentile for the writing section of the GRE examination). I am interested in being a Vice President of a university one day.





In essence, I wanted to say thank you for everything. As I enter my fourth year professional in higher education/student affairs, I now understand how important professional development is to your career and life. At the time I attended the EACE conference, I was 21 years old and the decision to go into higher education was still new to me. However years later, I definitely made the right choice. I am glad I attended the EACE conference as it helped shape the type of professional I am today. Take care and again thank you.

Best Wishes,

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