

Hello from Tech

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to Steven, Joe, Cole, Kelly, Steve, Tracy

Dear Friends and Professors,

Please excuse this mass-email, but I realized in the midst of my Graduate orientation for Texas Tech that I likely never took a proper moment to express my gratitude to all of you who wrote letters of recommendation for my applications, in addition to all the mentoring, instruction, and encouragement you all gave me. I am immensely indebted to each of you, and as I've been muddling through this awkward stage of adjustment to new academic surroundings, I have thought of each of you often, and reflected gratefully on the time I had to spend in your instruction and mentorship.

This university environment is in many ways so foreign to me, so different from the environment of ACU, that I've felt like a tourist. Yet, for the most part, I feel pretty well prepared and I am excited for this stage of my professional development. Today in particular, a session focused on "where the jobs are," and went through several classifications of higher ed, as well as non-academy employment opportunities. As the speaker spoke of smaller, BA-predominate universities such as ACU was to me, I reflected that without a doubt, that was the environment I wanted to teach and participate in. A large part of that conclusion was the relationship I developed with each of you, and the quality of teaching that I experienced in the English and History Departments.

Thank you so much for the role you played in my education and development as a professional and an individual. I was blessed to know you, and to continue to know you as friends, mentors, and colleagues. I hope this finds you ready and excited for another year at ACU, and know that even as I start a new program, I will be thinking of your classes and students and wishing the best for both.

Best,
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PS- Ellen and I will be visiting Abilene fairly often. I hope we have opportunities to catch up as opportunity allows!