

Dear Mark Clark,

First, I'd like to introduce myself - my name is Reilly Birkett, a 21 year old student studying Risk Management & Insurance and International Business, as well as a certificate in Sustainability that's in the works! I am beyond thankful and blessed to be able to receive an award like this. I've done a bit of researching to see the impact that Bob Tieman had on the people he encountered in life, and felt incredibly inspired and humbled.

To tell you a little about myself, I am an avid skier and ski racer, and I always have been. I'm interested in art (painting of all types), cooking and baking, staying active in all forms, and traveling wherever my mind tells me to go. I grew up in a tiny little town, 1,000 people, and I found that it made me push harder to get new and exciting experiences in life than I likely otherwise would have given more opportunities in a bigger area. I spent 4 months in Germany last semester, traveling to tons of new countries, and I could talk about all of the lessons I learned for hours and hours until somebody yelled at me to stop!

Finally, I find myself so interested in the RMI industry given the constantly changing environment that it holds. This summer, I plan to work for UW-Madison's Risk Management department under their business services (as long as COVID-19 allows for things to go as hoped for). Someday, I hope to utilize my environmental knowledge and my risk management knowledge together to help companies not only recognize and mitigate their risks revolving around climate change, but also find ways to make companies more sustainable without foregoing profitability.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

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