

A NOTE FROM A BUCKEYE

“ My name is Sam Good, and I wanted to thank you for your generosity and for supporting my mission to become an Air Force officer, so that I can lead Airmen from the front.

I am an AS400 cadet in my final semester, and I am majoring in Islamic studies. I ranked Security Forces Officer as my number one choice, and the Air Force agreed that was best for me. In addition to an AFROTC Cadet, I am a Pershing Rifleman and the current Commander for Company Alpha 1.

I came to The Ohio State University because I am a proud Ohioan. Most people from my high school go to a local school and move right down the street from their parents. Not that there's something wrong with that, but I knew I wanted more from life, so I wanted a university that could give me a verity of opportunities. I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio with my two beautiful sisters and mom. With some additions, I gained a step dad and three beautiful step sisters - I just like to say I have five sisters though. My dad was a career Army officer and was not around very much, but we have a good relationship and he and my step mom have always supported my endeavor to become an officer.

This scholarship truly means more than I can express to you. I joined AFROTC as a non-scholarship cadet. I could not afford much when I came to school, and due to loopholes, I saved a lot of money by not paying for a meal plan. Long story short, there were several points throughout my time here where I learned what it was like to be hungry, and I have worked to ensure that never happens again for me or my fellow cadets. To me, this scholarship is not only recognition of my accomplishments over the past year, but recognition of the amount of growth since my first year. I used to not take school seriously, and I paid a price for this mindset. Due to the support of the cadre and some of my fellow cadets, I went from earning a 1.9 GPA to a 3.5 a year later. I was deferred from Summer 2017 to 2018 going to Field Training after earning my 1.9, but I came back Fall 2018 ranked 10/404 cadets at my training slot. I went from an overweight first-year cadet to someone able to compete at Air Liaison Officer Selection and make it all the way through. While I wasn't selected, I have inspired quite a few cadets to believe that they can compete for positions like ALO, STO, and CRO.

I know I will have more to learn as a new second lieutenant, and I invite those challenges. The difference this time is that I know I am more prepared and supported by the friendships I have made at Detachment 645, by my soon fellow alumni of Detachment 645, and by the Air Force family. Thank you again for your continued support of the cadets over the years and I look forward to joining you as a supporter in the future. ”



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