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To whom it may concern,

It is my desire to complete a degree at Valdosta State University. Since starting VSU in the fall of 2004, I have had family situations that have required my attention. My mother eventually moved here bringing my younger brother along, as her and my father were experiencing problems. Shortly after her moving here she took ill and was unable to work or drive. I took on two jobs, and tried to help as best I could with bills and expenses. I was also responsible for getting her to and from important doctor appointments. Being overwhelmed, I continued to withdraw from classes or perform poorly. My grades had definitely dropped since my start of college. One thing that also offset me along with my personal situation, was that VSU did not offer my courses both Fall and Spring Semesters, because lack of teachers in my field. By me simply withdrawing from a class, it set my graduation date back another year, and this happened every time. VSU's American Sign Language program did not even offer classes during Maymester or Summer semesters for me to take at that time. I tried to do the best that I could under the circumstances, however it was not good enough to get me to my graduation date. It did however get me academic probation, in which the financial aid department told me I'd need to write an appeal letter and provide proof of these occurrences. Unable to see a graduation date in the near future and unable to pay out of pocket for courses, I just stopped attending.

This clearly was a bad season in my life, in which it has now ended. I am older, wiser, and God has allowed me to endure the situations that were once overwhelming my life. I now have a family of my

own and working full time, but I will always regret not finishing college. With student loan payments underway and nothing (degree) to show for it, it can be very depressing at times. However, I know that even in this my God is sovereign. If you can help me, it would truly be a blessing and if you cannot I am and will remain blessed. I did attend vsu under the name Erika Duncan(maiden name)

Thank You

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