

26 June 2014

USNA Class of 1964
C/o Mr. William H. Natter, Jr.
59 Sleepy Hollow Road
Annapolis, MD 21401-1074

Dear Mr. William H. Natter Jr.,

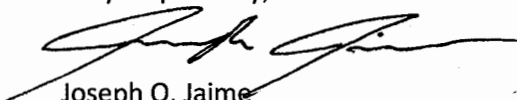
I would like to express my most sincere thanks to the USNA Class of 1964 for their generous scholarship which enabled me to attend Mercersburg Academy as a USNA Foundation student. The scholarships you provide to young adults like me help make the dream of attending the United States Naval Academy a reality. I am so very blessed for the incredible opportunity your class has given me. It has been my dream to attend the United States Naval Academy ever since I was a in the 6th grade. I vividly remember talking to my Dad and telling him "I want to be the best of the best and become a Navy SEAL!" My Dad responded by saying "If you want to be the best of the best you need to attend the Naval Academy with some of the finest people this nation can offer and become a Naval Officer." From that moment on attending and graduating from the Naval Academy has been one of my top goals.

It is difficult to express how much this scholarship has meant to me and my family for without it I would not have been able to attend Mercersburg Academy. The prep year I spent there truly improved my academic foundation and helped motivate me to improve my focus on the things that really matter. While in high school in my hometown of San Antonio TX, I never considered myself the best student or the worst. I struggled with test taking and study habits. Although I managed to always earn A's and B's, I knew I could do better academically. It was never a matter of not putting in the effort for I know how to work hard. As a swimmer, I swam all four years of high school on the most elite club team San Antonio has and earned berths to the State Championship as a Junior and Senior, was named All-American, attended Junior Nationals and was recognized as a hard worker in and out of the water. But I knew I needed to be more than a great swimmer and an average student, it was time to become a great swimmer and a great student.

Mercersburg Academy gave me the opportunity to grow not only as a student-athlete but as a young man. I developed great study habits and improved my test taking skills. I learned how important the student-teacher relationship is and made sure to thank my instructors after every class for the time they spent with me. That appreciation didn't stop in the class room, for after every single swim practice I would shake my coach's hand and sincerely say "thank you." I did this after every class and practice because I understood in their eyes I represented the USNA Foundation and the US Naval Academy.

Once again, I thank the Class of 1964 for supporting me as I move closer to my goals of becoming an Academy graduate and Navy SEAL Officer. I am truly grateful for the honor of attending the US Naval Academy.

Very respectfully,



Joseph O. Jaime
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