

Dear Mr. Pagano,

I would like it to be known that freshman year was not a good judgment or character. Last year was full of ups and downs that were completely out of my control, I would have loved to stay in school and to do well, that was always my intention as I am a very driven person and learning is something I greatly enjoy. I hope you can see that I intend to make this year better than the last thrice fold.

My problems last year started with the simple fact that I had no hearing aids, the doctors I had been seeing said they would not make much difference, needless to say they were wrong and I am now seeing someone else. My GP misdiagnosed me with depression and put me on an antidepressant, these drugs really messed with me. The antidepressants, stress of school and hearing fatigue had triggered anxiety and panic attacks daily, the last month of that semester I was missing class daily because of the anxiety and fatigue. After making the decision to leave school for online school my motivation still did not pick up. About half way through the second semester I was taken off the antidepressants. Eliminating the antidepressants helped but I was still unmotivated and perpetually tired. At almost the semester end I found an audiologist that figured out what was wrong and was able to fix the auditory fatigue and hearing loss. At the time where I was finally feeling better the semester was winding down and I simply did not have the time to finish the courses.

I hope you can see last year hurt me and I am striving to make this year so much better. Being able to compete encourages me to do better in everything I do, the competition energizes me. Thank you for your consideration.

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