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Dear Mr. Wells,

I didn't realize the true impact you've had on my life until Friday evening on that long bus ride back home from Hutchinson, KS. When I was 14 I lost both of my parents and school was tough for me because of my situation. After struggles as a freshman, my sophomore year went great. I worked hard to get placed back in my right grade, but still had no clue what I was working hard towards. I want to explain how your actions created a snowball effect on my life. If you are reading this and don't know what the snowball effect is, it's basically the initial state of a small significance and builds upon itself leading to something bigger and more serious, just as a snowball rolls down a hill and gradually becomes larger.

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The next year as a junior, I joined my school's robotic team and then I found out what an engineer was and they impact lives for a living. I did my research about the profession because I've never heard of it, I'd always thought construction workers were the reason we had buildings and such. There aren't TV shows about engineers and no one in my school even mentioned engineering or STEAM. The moment I learned about it, I knew that engineering was the reason I was born. As a child I could always draw, I loved building things and I was always curious about how things worked. I've been a leader since adolescence but I never knew how I would make money with the traits I possessed until William Wells came into my life.

The story doesn't just stop there, my junior year during the summer of 2017; I worked with you as a camp lead at aSTEAM Village. At one point we went on a field trip to Pittsburg State University and there I impressed the people watching that I didn't even know were watching. That led to Tim Dawsey driving two hours to Kansas City to come and have a meeting with me about attending the college. Ten months later, I'm enrolled and attending Pitt State in the fall of 2018. Mr. Wells, if you had not done what you've done, I would've just graduated from high school and got a regular job making minimum wage, hating my job and life not knowing my purpose. For that Mr. Wells, I want to thank you for everything. If you're ever feeling like you're not doing anything important or someone is trying to tell you that you're not, remember what

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My Best,

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