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Dear JJCF Board Members,

I would like to thank all of you deeply for your contribution that made my internship happen this summer at the University of York Health Sciences Department. I have to express my sincere gratitude for being able to have the opportunity to understand another country's health system and nursing curriculum as well as be taught by such an experienced and over-qualified mentor, Dr. Jayawickrama. It was an eye-opening experience that helped me to expand my perspective as a nursing student and become more well-equipped to work with a diverse range of patients. I have created relationships that will continue to flourish throughout my career. Moreover, though, I now have the knowledge basis to go and work with those in vulnerable situations throughout the world. This is something that I have aspired to do for a long time but lacked the general understanding of how I could best navigate the connection between healthcare and the humanitarian sector until now. The future careers and experiences I have because of your support will continue to shape me as I move forward and that is something truly invaluable to me.

I have met people from Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Iran, England, and many other places this summer. Their openness and communication with me allowed me to broaden my view of the world and will wholeheartedly make me a better nurse and person. I am so honored to have made these connections with such wonderful people. Moving forward, my wonderful network at Penn now has a way to connect with my newfound network at the University of York. This is very exciting and hopefully future nursing students from around the world can have the same positive experiences I have. The importance of a global health perspective is becoming more and more imminent everyday as our world evolves. I am so thankful that I was able to find my journey and it was because of your support and contribution to this process that I was able to achieve my goals.

Thank you again,
Jordan Lindekens