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Michael Richards and Brian Vamstad 1900 South Avenue La Crosse, WI 54601

Dear Mr. Richards and Mr. Vamstad:

I am applying for the External Affairs Internship for the spring semester.

Currently, I am a junior at the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse, double majoring in Public Administration and Political Science with a concentration in health administration. I intend to earn a Master's degree in Health Administration, which I will use as a springboard to develop and expand programs for scientific research, preventative medicine, medical and vocational rehabilitation, and community health within a healthcare institution.

My commitment to helping others drives my passion in health policy and healthcare reform. As highlighted in my resume, my educational background includes coursework in research methods, health policy, environmental policy, urban policy, statistics, and economics. Having lived and studied in Wisconsin, I am accustomed to a robust system that grants equal access to health care and health-related services to its users and naturally want to make a positive contribution to the ever-changing healthcare field.

I will use this opportunity to apply what I have learned in the classroom in reference to research design, data analysis, and health policy. By working in collaboration with Gundersen Lutheran, I hope to expand my knowledge and skills in areas such as external affairs, assessment and implementation of health legislation, and health administration.

I believe my leadership and management skills, and strong work ethic set me apart from other candidates. This internship would provide me the ideal opportunity to connect my twp passions of government and healthcare at one of the leading healthcare organizations in the country. I could not be more excited.

Please see my attached resume for additional information on my experiences and involvement. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact me at 920 or <u>@uwlax.edu</u>. Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

