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September 10, 2015

Ms. Deborah W. Buks
P. O. Box 239
Bellaire, TX 77402-0239

Dear Ms. Buks,

The Moody College of Communication at The University of Texas at Austin is pleased to inform you that the recipient of the Ward Creative Communications, Inc. Scholarship for the 2015-2016 academic year is Samantha Grasso.

Enclosed is a letter of appreciation from Ms. Grasso.

On behalf of the Moody College, we wish to thank you for your continued support of our outstanding students through this scholarship. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 512 471-1553.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Bernstein".

Mark E. Bernstein, Ed.D.
Associate Dean for Student Affairs
Moody College of Communication

June 29, 2015

Ms. Deborah W. Buks
P.O. Box 239
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Dear Ms. Buks,

Thank you for Ward Creative Communications' continued support of higher education at the University of Texas at Austin. I am blessed to be a recipient of the Ward Creative Communications, Inc. Scholarship. I hope that one day, I am able to use my journalism degree to foster community growth and success, just as Ward has done for companies around the world.

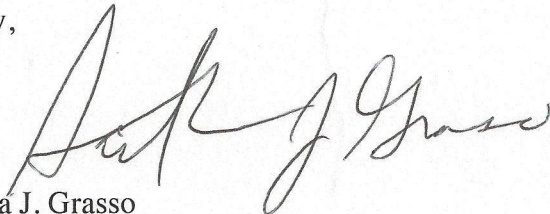
I am pursuing a degree in journalism with the dream to feature stories of overcoming injustice. With this degree, I will have the skills and resources to capture and project the human element of socialized oppression, and can educate audiences not regularly exposed to these topics. My journalistic focuses include combating misogyny and sexism in business and technology, and creating more dynamic, inclusive and diverse spaces within these fields.

In the last three years, I worked part time jobs for the UT Orientation program, at various Austin-area restaurants, and have been involved with many student organizations. Since fall 2013, I have become an editor for *Orange Magazine*, have written and done videography for *The Daily Texan*, and have written for the McCombs School of Business' alumni publication, *McCombs Today*. This summer, I am interning in Los Angeles, California with *Los Angeles Magazine* and production company Alldayeveryday. UT Austin has afforded me so many opportunities, and I am thankful for all of the experience I've gained during my time as a journalism student.

One of my favorite pieces over the last year was a feature on the business school's first ever BBA female case competition. For the piece, I created both writing and video components focusing on how the event organizers went about filling this competitive need for female BBA students.

I know that the work I have published as well as the part-time work will be worth my time and efforts with the extra encouragement from this scholarship. With this support from Ward, I will have the prolonged opportunity to obtain my degree, pursue my career goals, as well as establish myself as a dedicated reporter in the industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Samantha J. Grasso". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Samantha J. Grasso