

Dear Barbara,

I just wanted to thank you for all the help and support you've given me over my years at PLC.

PLC has opened many doors for me— mostly doors I would never have known about but for PLC. In my sophomore year, PLC introduced to me to economics professor Dr. Jay Kaplan, for whom I worked as a research assistant on tax policy (a position normally available only to graduate students). Tax policy? It's more interesting than you would ever expect.

Through PLC I first learned about Teach For America and the opportunity for a summer internship. (Thank you, Will Seamans, PLC '01!). I spent the following summer in New York City as a TFA intern, helping put on the training program for 500 incoming teachers. I saw parts of New York many New Yorkers have never seen, and learned a lot about the harsh realities of urban education. TFA has asked me to help recruit at CU, and I hope to send them many PLCers.

Without PLC I never would have had the opportunity to work for best-selling business author Jim Collins. Jim recruits most of his research assistants from PLC. I've been privileged to work with him on his sequel to Good to Great, the very timely, How the Mighty Fall, as well as his next book, which concerns "turbulence." (Stay tuned).

PLC itself has afforded me the opportunity to teach as a CA for two years, to help revise the PLC curriculum, and serve as a PLC Board member. Every step of the way, PLC developed and reinforced the leadership skills critical for making an impact.

Through PLC I've become good friends with people I probably never would have met otherwise. One is now in the middle of the health care debate as a member of a leading consulting firm. Another is working as a TFA corp member in the South Bronx, challenging kindergarten students to achieve the unexpected. Another PLCer has just started at one of the top medical schools in the country, following a variety of PLC-enabled research and field opportunities.

I feel that I owe my recent acceptance to Harvard Business School to the things I learned, the people I met and the doors that were opened through PLC.

Thank you again for all of your support, Barbara.

Sincerely,

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Class of 2005