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Dear Mr. Jones:

One of the biggest news stories took place on my college campus this past spring. As a member of the student newspaper, I was the only one in the office the afternoon we received a police report about an arrest of a student accused of three robberies that had taken place a few weeks earlier. I immediately went to the dorm where the robberies had occurred and began reporting the story. I also interviewed students about what they knew regarding the junior police had arrested.

An important thing I learned during the newsgathering process was adding proper attribution throughout my piece. Even if it came at the expense of the article's flow, my faculty advisor and I went over the news story before posting it online that night. I learned that this approach was not overly guarded, but a key component when it comes to reporting and presenting the facts to readers. Remember that John Mark Karr looked guilty of killing JonBenet Ramsey in the days following his 2006 arrest – only for it to be determined that he falsely confessed to the crime and had never even been at the child's home.

The Daily Register succeeds at the high-stakes game that is covering a city such as the Big Apple. Reporters and editors ensure that stories (like those of Karr and numerous others) stick to the facts. The Daily Register publishes articles – both in print and online – that properly attribute the information they are getting from authorities and witnesses. They seek out as many points of view as possible to present a balanced news story. That is important in an era of misinformation spread via social media. That is why I want to come to New York and intern with you.

In my first semester of college, I was the only freshman working at the student-run campus newspaper. The following year, I interned at the Orange County Tribune, a weekly newspaper with a circulation of 10,000 where I covered community issues. When I read a Daily Register article, I can see the work the reporters put into their stories. You do things the right way. I'm smart, passionate and resourceful enough to be part of the team. I'm ready to take that next step in my journalism career.

Very truly yours,