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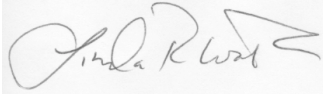
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Dear Ms. Harac:

IES Brain Research Foundation is a fantastic organization. This program has allowed Bryce the opportunity to complete a summer research project that he otherwise would not have been able to. Though Bryce works in the animal care department at the University of Colorado, he is unable to take classes at the university because the cost of tuition is very high. This means that he is not eligible to receive any of our in-house undergraduate summer funding and would not be able to take on a summer research project with us. Bryce is one of the most enthusiastic young scientists I have come across and when he found out he couldn't get any funding he was crushed. IES Brain Research Foundation saved the day! The fact that IES Brain Research Foundation gives funding to students like Bryce who cannot get funding anywhere else sets this program apart. Through this summer program, Bryce has learned an incredible amount. Not only has he learned general lab techniques, he has also been intimately involved in planning, setting up, and running experiments with very little guidance. He has also learned how to analyze the data he collects and how to run statistics on that data. Bryce has had a huge hand in getting a new pain behavior testing paradigm up and running, and we honestly could not have done it without him. Bryce has become more organized; he keeps a daily lab notebook and records new protocols and procedures whenever he learns them. Bryce is well respected in the lab and gets along well with everyone. He is always asking other graduate students and postdocs in the lab if there is anything he can do to help them out when has down time and his expertise is always welcomed. Bryce has become more knowledgeable about the field of neuroscience. He has taken it upon himself to read literature reviews and discuss them with other undergraduates and graduate students and he has gained a whole new scientific vocabulary that he did not have at the beginning of the summer. This program has opened up new doors for Bryce's future in research. He wants to pursue graduate school; something he thought was out of reach before IES Brain Research Foundation gave him the chance to spread his wings. We are so thankful that Bryce was given this opportunity through IES Brain Research Foundation and could not be happier with the results, thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray rectangular background. The signature is cursive and reads "Linda R. Watkins".

Linda R. Watkins

University of Colorado Distinguished Professor