

Cousin Letter - November 2019

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Hi family, it was good seeing some of you at Grandma's this past week! These next few pages are what's new in my life. Hope you enjoy!

This Summer

I interned at Musco Lighting in Oskaloosa this summer. They design and manufacture sports and large area lighting systems. Examples of Musco's lighting projects include Daytona Speedway, Vancouver International Airport, Kinnick Stadium, and thousands of Little League fields.

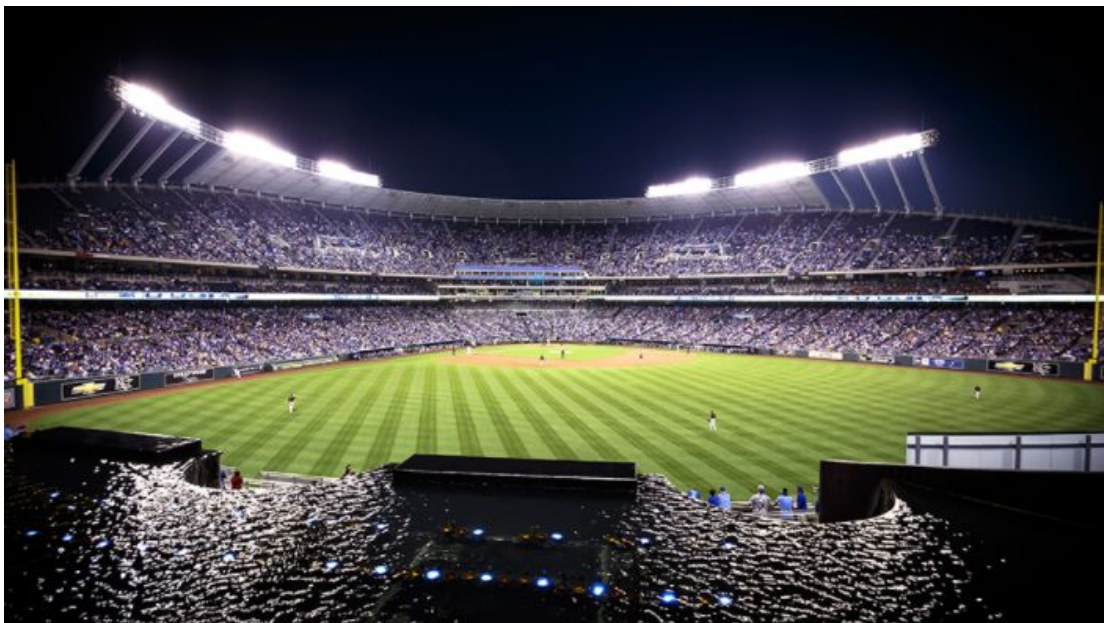
Going from a college schedule to an 8-5 job was a shock. I wanted to take a nap around 3pm every afternoon. The rather well stocked candy jars near the front desk area did not help with afternoon energy levels as well.

Musco had me working in the HR department. I set up and sat in on lots of interviews, analyzed their manufacturing employment data from Muscatine, and got proposed changes for the careers page approved by the heads of Marketing and HR.

Being able to sit in on all the interviews and working with all the data they had were some of the things I enjoyed. I also liked getting to work a few minutes before my boss every day, much to his chagrin (he made sure to always leave after me to even the score). Everyone at Musco was pretty nice, and overall I'm really glad for the experience. I learned a lot and it looks good on my resume.



Here's my office at Musco (my friends and I would have pizza Friday in here)



Here are Musco Lights at work in the Kansas City Royals Stadium

University of Iowa

I'm currently in my third year at the University of Iowa double majoring in Economics at the Tippie School of Business as well as Music. My classes are mostly economics courses, music lessons, and symphony band. My favorite course this semester was Introduction to Rock Climbing. That was a two day course where they showed us how to use the different safety systems, had us climb the rock wall inside the UIowa recreation center. For a whole day they took us to Picture Rocks Park near Cedar Rapids to climb those rock formations.



Here is my first outdoor climb and Band Rehearsal this semester

Conclusion

Next semester will be different because I'm taking a lot more math classes, as well as a Scuba Diving class. Finally those years of swim team will pay off! Most of all I'm looking forward to one of the last true breaks I'll ever get. Adam will be coming home in a few weeks so hopefully he will have some good book recommendations. Love you all, there are more pictures below,

-John



Here's the crew before the Iowa vs Purdue game this year (From upper left to right is Drew, Kiersten, Joey, and me. Bottom left to right is Ethan, Claire, Aunna, and Amanda.)



Here is the Volleyball pep band gang. This picture was taken Halloween weekend. (from left to right is me, Bailey, Joey, Kamal, Aunna, and Marcella).



Here's me with Herky before a tour. I'm a campus tour guide at The University of Iowa.



Here are the jazz band trumpets from last spring (from left to right is Joey, Kamal, Bailey, Jake, and me).

