

SSgt Karl G. Taylor, Sr. Detachment 1084

I hope this letter finds you well during quarantine. This is Robert Michele, former recipient of the memorial scholarship in honor of Ms. Ruha V. "Bobbie" Flock. I am writing in thanks after having completed my college education at Wake Forest University this spring. I wanted to express my gratitude and thought you might enjoy hearing from one of your students. My time at Wake Forest went by fast, as it does not seem four years since I visited your detachment for the award ceremony back in July of 2016.

At Wake I studied Mathematics and Economics. As part of a liberal arts education, I also took courses in a variety of subjects ranging from philosophy to computer science. I enjoyed being a viola player in the University Orchestra all four years. We performed many classical pieces, alongside a pop concert every Halloween. I was also a founder of the financial technology club on campus, Wake Fintech, where we coordinated bringing speakers to campus from companies such as Microsoft. The Catholic Community on campus was also a large part of my time from the celebrating of Mass to intramural sports teams to community dinners.

I made many lifelong friends at Wake, and some of the best college moments are always conversations with friends. Now that my friends and I have graduated, it has been rewarding to see how the variety of studies translate into careers and graduate schooling. After graduating top of my class, I am very excited to be joining Princeton's Master in Finance Program in the fall before beginning a career in banking.

We are all indebted to your service for our country, and myself in a special way also for supporting my education at Wake Forest. If there is anything I can do to be of assistance in the future, don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Robert Michele

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Michele', with a stylized, cursive script.