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Making College Affordable

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To Whom It May Concern:

We went to our first National College Planners Workshop in early February 2008. That is when we met Jason Herner. We were more than a little skeptical. We had three years under our belts already, we had done it alone, but we were so tired and frustrated that we just couldn't do it alone anymore.

We have a tax planner and stock broker and they were absolutely no help when it came to college planning / financing and in fact they both pretty much threw their hands in the air and suggested we go somewhere else. At the time there was no where else to go and no one else to turn to who would help us.

By the time we attended the workshop for National College Planners, we were not new to the FAFSA and SAR or filling out college forms. Our son is in his junior year of college. We had spent three very frustrating years trying to accomplish this very large task ourselves. Please believe me when I stress very frustrating. We had attended several college planning meetings while our son was in high school. These were usually held by a college finance councilor who focused on a broad audience and never gave sound advice to an individual. Saying each college is different and each family situation is different. There seemed to be no one available to give specific information. The high school guidance councilor was ok up to a point but even then unable to answer a lot of questions. We only wish that NCP was offered four years ago. Jason where were you four years ago when we didn't know we needed you?

To make a long three year story shorter we spent many hours and I do mean **HOURS AND HOURS** on the phone with the FAFSA people who although were very nice and helpful, were unable to advise us on how to do our financing to get the optimum benefit for our situation. AND now three years later we find out from Jason that we could have and should have done this a whole lot differently.

NOW! We know that colleges look at your finances differently than a bank, tax account or stock broker... We were even able to explain to our bank and make them see how colleges look at your finances.

Jason put together a compressive program and we are much happier now. He not only did the FAFSA for us but explained it every step of the way in a way that we could understand for our situation that made sense to us. We feel much better now. I actually got thru the month of March without tears...

Jason is going to meet with our son and guide him towards his graduation goals, internship and planning for his future. He is also sitting down with us to give us advice on our future. With his financial advice not only are our loans more manageable but we are looking toward to having some funds to retire on.

Sincerely

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