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Judges, Senior Boards  
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Dear Judges

I cannot believe that the time has already arrived for senior project boards and graduation. This year has proven to be far more than I expected and has flown by far too quickly. From this year, I have gained a sense of independence, and I have learned to manage my time according to my busy schedule.

Before my senior year commenced, I was so nervous about being a senior because I did not feel ready to make all of the decisions required during the final year of high school. Throughout my life, my parents have instilled in me morals and values that have molded me into the person that I am now. From all of the lessons that I have learned growing up, I feel confident in my ability to succeed in life.

My parents have always taught me that in order to achieve success, I must be the one to take the initiative in getting things completed. I personally believe that every person is born with the capacity to succeed, but in the end, it is up to the individual to have motivation and self-direction to fulfill their own potential. After all, what can anyone gain from blaming other for their mishaps and failures? The answer is none. No successes can be added to one's life from blaming others.

I chose to do my senior project on karate because I thought that it would be a good physical activity from which I would learn a great deal. I became more interested in karate after talking to my mentor, Mr. Webster, who was more than willing to tell me anything that I needed to know about the martial arts.

After I began taking karate, I decided to take a women's self-defense class along with my karate class. Taking these classes helped me to become skilled in basic self-defense and to learn a great deal about martial arts. I am very glad that I chose karate for my senior project topic because it is useful knowledge and is something that I hope to continue in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my senior project. I hope that you will enjoy reviewing my project as much as I enjoyed completing it.

Sincerely

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