



## Triumphs

Update After GT 2100  
Merson, Kyla M <kylamerson@gatech.edu>  
Brantley, Fiona C;Tue 12/8/2015 4:24 PM  
Good afternoon!

I know we haven't kept in touch since I took GT 2100 but I just wanted to give you an update on my success after the course! First off, I am graduating this semester (yay!), and my senior design team won best overall interdisciplinary project at expo last Thursday! (Our team name was Cold and Bold, chemotherapy cold cap.) Also, after graduation I will be working for Medtronic as part of their operational leadership rotation program, where I will rotate through 3 positions in 2 cities for the next two years. After the two years I will continue working for Medtronic in the position I feel fits me best.

Basically, I just wanted to write you this email to say thank you for preparing and encouraging me to continue tackling my education at Georgia Tech! The

blessings I've received the last few weeks are worth all the struggle I've encountered the past 4.5 years. I hope this testimony can encourage any students that are in the position I was a few semesters ago.

I hope you are doing well,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 10:01 PM  
**To:** Dobranski, Shannon P  
**Subject:** Re: checking in



Dr. Dobranski,

I'm honored that you have kept my letter and thought to check in with me.

Truth be told, things are better than I could have ever hoped. They say hard work pays off, but I never really expected this much reward.

I struggled a bit to get a job after graduating due to my low GPA, but after 6 months I got a dream job. I work for a mid size company called Halkey-Roberts as an R&D Project Engineer. I work on medical devices just like I always wanted to and my work is challenging and rewarding. I get paid more than I had hoped for, and I live just minutes away from Clearwater beach in Florida. It is beautiful here.

I am the youngest person in my company by 15 years and gain more responsibility each month. My career looks brighter than I could have hoped for. It is so surreal to me even now, because I can so clearly remember the hopeless struggle I came from. I am grateful every day for it.

Thank you so much for all your help in getting me here, you made a difference in my life. I am just so very thankful for everything.

I'd love to hear how you are doing as well.

Sincerely,

[Kristopher Hernandez – Georgia Tech Alumnus 2015](#)

## Grades

Ladin, Steven P <sladin3@gatech.edu> Brantley, Fiona C;Mon 8/3/2015 10:40 AM  
Fiona,

I know official grades are released tomorrow but I have been talking with both of my teachers and I have both of my grades for the summer semester. I got a B in my Flight Dynamics Class and a B in my Circuits Lab! This is my first time getting a 3.0 GPA for a single semester at Tech!

Thanks, Steven

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Ladin, Steven P <sladin3@gatech.edu> Brantley, Fiona C;Mon 12/14/2015 3:31 PM  
Fiona,

I got my grades for this semester off of my unofficial transcript and I got an A and 3 B's which gives me a 3.27 GPA this semester and a 2.17 Overall GPA!

Thanks, Steven



Selection of Candidates  
Selection of Courses

What's changed? **Are you really ready to come back?** Financially?  
Emotionally? How many hours will you work? Are you prepared to make changes?



### What classes will you take?

How many exams  
Workload?  
Do you have a balanced schedule?  
Does past performance suggest that you will be successful?

*Sometimes, you've got to be*  
**Cruel to be Kind**