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Hello! My name is Jack Holton, and I am pleased to receive the Bradley & Riley Information Technology Scholarship. I'm 27 years old, born in Virginia, and raised in Central City, Iowa, where I graduated from Central City Community School in 2016.

I participated in wrestling throughout school, which taught me the value of hard work, and I earned my Eagle Scout rank in the Boy Scouts. My school was one of the first 1-to-1 schools in Iowa, which sparked my interest in technology, leading me to enroll in Kirkwood's Network and System Administration program in 2017.

After my father's passing in 2016, I struggled during my first year at Kirkwood and chose to work full-time at a company known as Security Coverage for five years. In 2021, I joined UnityPoint Health, where I support hospital staff with over 1,500 applications. Now, I'm returning to Kirkwood part-time to complete my A.A.S. while working full-time. I also bought a home in 2022 in Central City, where I live with my girlfriend and two cats.

Since returning to Kirkwood, I have set goals each semester to try my hardest to earn at least a 3.0 GPA. I wish to continue this goal throughout my time at Kirkwood. Additionally, I would like to graduate by 2027. My end goal is to finish my degree and advance either within UnityPoint or find a new opportunity in Linn County.

Once again, I am so thankful and fortunate to receive the Bradley & Riley Information Technology Scholarship, and it will go a long way in financially supporting these goals.

- Jack Holton, Network & Systems Administration

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