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Reply on page

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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

I am writing to send you my deepest apologies, both for the careless attitude demonstrated by William B. Kerr, the medical student you so kindly agreed to work with on the anthropological perspectives of atherosclerosis, and for my delay in writing you about this incident.

It was a surprise for me to learn from your secretary that Blake Kerr did not appear in Minneapolis as had been planned. After our initial work together, the student no longer showed the strong initiative which had prompted me to write you. I am sorry for this turn of events and for all the trouble caused you by these special arrangements. I assure you this incident will stimulate me to be a better judge in future screening of promising students.

The deeper apology is due for my delay in writing you about this matter, I had hoped to speak with you about it in Charleston, but family matters made my stay a very brief one and did not allow me to apologize to you in person. I sincerely hope that the turnaround in the student's plans did not inconvenience you too much. Your willingness to provide interested students with this valued opportunity is appreciated. I am sorry that this student's opportunity was wasted, and I look forward to future possibilities.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Friend:

I was also disappointed Blake Kerr didn't come this winter. When I reached him by phone I suddenly had the realization that perhaps he had expected some financial aid from me for his travel. If we had discussed it in those terms, I might had been willing to find a couple of hundred dollars to help out for the pleasure of sharing thinking with a bright, young fellow. However, by that time, it seemed that our schedules were both marching on inexorably. Never mind. I am sure you did not misjudge him. It's just that youth has priorities often determined by lack of funds. I am sure you won't judge him too harshly. I appreciate your note and hope things are going well with you. I have just spend six weeks of my sabbatical at the University of South Florida and a beachside cottage, which was very pleasant. We're now off for a period in Europe. Hope to see you soon.

Cordially,

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