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I have wanted a career in science since I was very young. I applied to other universities, but chose Rider because of the small class size and ability to use sophisticated equipment in the science laboratories. I was invited to attend a summer program where I talked to a professor and learned about the hands-

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there will be paper. One of the most important things I learned is how to write a lab report with all the details and explanation necessary. Starting in the 2002 fall semester, I will assist Dr. Alex Grushow,

associate professor of chemistry, in his lab. You know all the professors in chemistry; it's fun to talk to them openly.

Financial assistance from the State and Rider have helped a lot. Without it, I would have to take high loans and don't know if that would be possible. Without TAG and Rider scholarships, it would be difficult.

I recently completed an internship with BetzDearborn, a waste management firm in Trevose, PA. I was involved in a project of mixing diesel and ethanol in an attempt to develop fuel for the environment.

My brother is attending college, too, but I will be the first in my family to graduate when I receive my diploma in May 2003.

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