Hi Mr. Anderson,

Happy opening week of Urinetown! I know this show has brought on a lot of unique challenges, but knowing this cast and how great they are, I'm sure they could pull through and put together an amazing performance. I wish so much that I could come and see it, but I'm spending the semester abroad in London right now with Villanova's School of Business, and I won't be home for another six weeks. I'm sure it's a crazy busy week over there right now, but I wanted to take some time to give you a quick update and thank you.

My study abroad experience includes a six week full-time internship, and I start on Monday morning. The internship that I ended up getting is such an exciting and unexpected opportunity! It's with a well-known arts center in East London, and they work to showcase artists that may not always get the time of day, as well as host free or low-cost classes and workshops in the rougher areas of London to bring art to young people who may never really get a chance to experience it otherwise. I'll be assisting the CEO, helping to oversee their exhibits and classes, transform the center between showcases, and they are also giving me complete free reign of all of their social media outreach platforms while I'm there. It's really rare for anybody to get a business-related internship during their freshman year, let alone one that actually allows the intern to take control and explore their goals so freely. The reason that I got this PR and marketing internship doesn't have much to do with my Villanova credentials, though. My supervisor was so impressed when I told her about my experience in costumes, helping to come up with concepts and budgets and then overseeing and helping other people actually make the costumes. She offered me the position right on the spot because I seemed to have so much enthusiasm for the creative aspect of their business and not just the more corporate side. She told me that it was my love for and experience with the arts that made me a great fit for this role.

I wasn't sure that I would ever have much experience at all with theatre after graduation, but less than a year out, my experience with EOTSP and passion for theatre is what's helping me meet my goals and go after opportunities that most business students don't get until they're 20. I was expecting to just sit in an office and do admin for six weeks, but now I can explore so much more. I guess regardless of whether or not you decide to pursue theatre as a career, it can be woven into almost any industry if you look hard enough at what opportunities are out there. I'm so excited to keep this as a part of my life, even if I'm not directly working on any shows, and I thought you might like to know!

I hope everyone has fun and breaks legs this weekend! I'm sure they'll be great!

Jenna Rhoads