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Mr. Brad Barden, CCM  
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Dear Mr. Barden,

On behalf of the Virginia Tech Chapter of CMAA, I would like to convey my most sincere gratitude for supporting us on our trip to the World Conference in New Orleans. Without you, we would not have had this tremendous opportunity to grow and develop as a group and learn about the club profession.

It was an awesome experience! The interactive and educational seminars helped give us the tools and information we need to expand our knowledge of the industry. The networking opportunities, with both other college chapters and professionals from around the world, were also extremely beneficial. The conference definitely helped teach us how to market ourselves to prospective employers. Additionally, through this experience our chapter had the chance to grow closer as a team and bond together as a group of up-and-coming professionals. When you spend six days with the same people you discover a lot about yourself and each other! We learned lessons in teamwork, diligence, and patience, all skills we will use in the real world.

Besides participating in the conference, our chapter had the chance to volunteer for Hurricane Katrina survivors at the St. Bernard Community Center. I cannot express in words the impact this experience had on our entire group. The strength and compassion of these individuals was overwhelming. After everything they have been through, it is amazing to still see smiles on their faces. It was very rewarding to give back to these remarkable people who were so grateful for our helping hands.

Again, thank you so much for your continued generosity and support. The knowledge and memories we all brought home from the trip are irreplaceable and we could not have had this priceless opportunity without your help.

Sincerely,

Landon E. White  
President  
Virginia Tech Student Chapter

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