

July 12, 2012

Dear Dr. Jordan,

Well to start this letter off, I really want to do something with conserving the wildlife when I grow up. This experience I had over the three weeks has helped me really understand exactly what I want to do. I think the environment - nature and animals - are so important to us as humans and most people do not even realize it. This bothers me very much how ignorant people are and how they can care less about nature. This experience taught me so many things to make me help the environment as well. For example, killing out one small species can affect an entire ecosystem and kill so many other species. This information is so important and everyone should really understand this because in the end, it affects us as well. We are the number one reason for animals that are becoming extinct and it is very frustrating because I think there will never be a time where everybody will cooperate in not harming our surroundings. What we do not realize is that these animals

are not invading our world and disturbing us but we are the ones interfering with them. We need to learn how to live peacefully together in a symbiotic relationship, which I have also learned and it means when different organisms live together benefiting each other. I truly wish for this to happen one day. The question really is HOW? Everyone needs to be fully educated when it comes to helping and not harming the environment.

Thank you very much Dr. Jordan for this once in a life time journey!

Sincerely,

Neyra Benoit

July 12th, 2012

GLA at SERC.

Dear Dr. Jordan,

This experience has not only broadened my knowledge of our planet, it has inspired me to continue to study the environment. I've always loved biology and chemistry, and this experience has given me a direction and purpose for my passions. I have watched documentaries and studied textbooks for my entire life, but nothing compares to physically observing our ecosystem almost completely absent of human interactions. One can form their own opinions based on facts and first-hand experience instead of relying on yellow journalists and muckrakers to tell them what to care about. I have been given the tools and foundation to actually make an impact (hopefully a positive one) on the world and the trillions of species that inhabit it. For years I've wanted to study microorganisms such as bacteria.

Fai
Presley

by sitting in a lab staring down a microscope all day, but now I can relate the organisms to the ecosystem and realize the bigger picture. I have so much more to say but I'm running out of time!

Because of this experience and the information I've learned (thanks to Greg, Heather, and Dr. La Banca!) I can apply it to my career and hopefully enlighten others about their impact on the environment without sounding like a tree hugger who regurgitates information without fully understanding it. Along the way, I have learned to work with others without pulling all my hair out and listen to ideas that contradict my own.

Thank you so very much!

Joi Presley

Madeline Feddern #1

Dear Dr. Jordan,

I have learned a crazy amount of things these last few weeks. Through the help of the adults involved and ~~my~~ ~~my~~ peers I have obtained an abundant amount of information on how to improve our environment. For starters I have learned about two environmentally friendly power sources, solar and wind. Both I found to be very affective. We used solar panels on top of model cars to make them run in a way similar to how our ^{gas powered} cars run. As for wind power, the trip to see the wind turbines gave me a new outlook on the resource. People ~~are~~ complain on the news that they are ugly, loud and unnecessary when ~~that~~ from my own experience they prove to be none of those things.

Also the experiences that I have had over the past few weeks has opened my eyes to the wonders of the living organisms ^{found} I learned so

much about whales and porpoises and lobsters and all different types of wild life that coexists with us. These animals are just as amazing and important as us and therefore deserve to be treated that way. In this day and age we are at the top of the food chain and ~~therefore~~ as a result some arrogant people believe that "lower life" is disposable. That is completely wrong. Without said "lower life" we wouldn't be here. Humans just take and take and are then surprised when whole species become extinct. Having been able to climb to high mountains, hold @ dozens of different organisms in my hands and become one with nature has really shown me how fragile Earth is and how easily we can corrupt it. At the rate we are going with pollution and deforestation we are heading into our own destruction.

I have always felt strongly

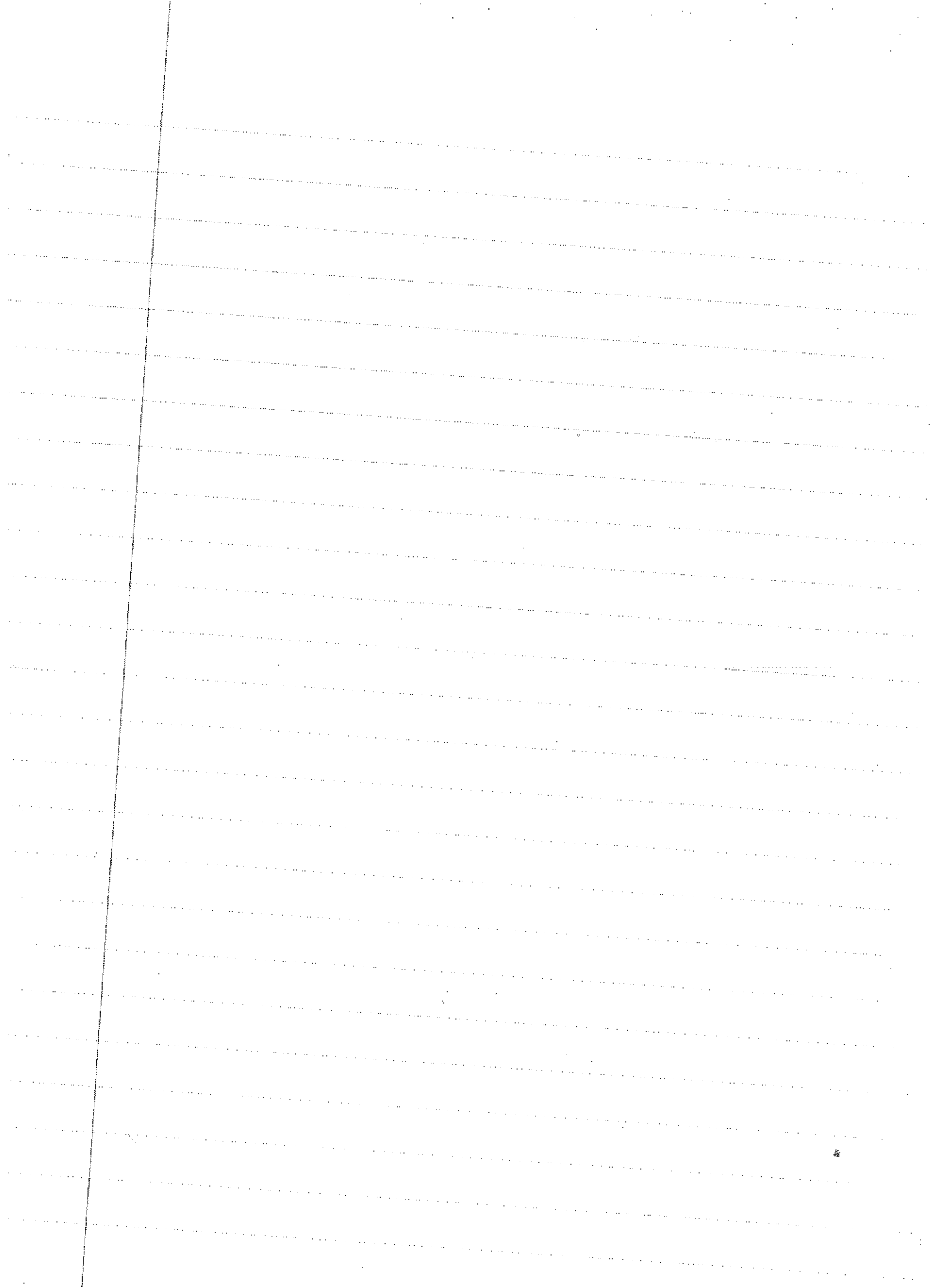
madeleine Feddern pt2

about environmental preservation but green
Light Academy has taught me so many
amazing facts and wonderful experiences.
It has most importantly also made me
a better person who has grown more
mature, patient and understanding. Thank
you for helping us all turn into frogs.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Feddern

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Stephanie Livingston

July 12, 2012

Dear Dr. Jordan

Thank you, Dr. Jordan for letting me

be part of this experience, This program really helped me out & it filled me up with lots of new information, some of the things that I learned in this program was hiking, kayaking, animals, sun air cards, sea animals. I also learned a little bit on how life is very different when you are living on a island, a little bit on water pollution which has to do with chemistry it basically gave me a heads up on what chemistry will be like. But most of all I learned how to experiment

new kind of adventures and if they are challenging & scary I learned how to live with other people and from that parents. This program helped me build up my confidence / increase & being more mature & having a positive attitude overall. One again I

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WANT TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK YOU
FOR CREATING THIS GREAT PROGRAM AND
IS ALL ABOUT NATURE & SCIENCE.

Sincerely
Stephanie Thurgrowth

Dear Dr. Jordan,

During my experience here in Maine I have learned many things about the environment, besides learning about lobstering and Acadia's history I have learned some very important ideas as well. Ideas about preserving a natural setting so it will never be harmed, about how to walk so as not to trample plants. I have learned about how to collect data from animals on the rock and with Dr. Labonta. I have learned why preserving things from the past is necessary for us to learn in the future. I have learned the effects humans can have on the environment and especially on the oceans. I have learned about green energy and new ways to fuel the future and solve the energy crisis and climate change. I feel that with this knowledge I can do my part and become a steward of the environment.

Eric

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Dear Dr. Jordan,

The amount of knowledge I gained through this experience amazes me. I've learned things I probably never would of heard of without. My appreciation for nature has tripled.

Being on the island for 3 days really taught me some things. To be able to sit there & watch seals & pups in their habitats ~~was~~ is something you will never forget. Seeing seals at an aquarium & in their habitat is 2 completely different things & you can really tell the difference of the seals. Seals seem to be ~~very~~ pretty smart creatures, even though they don't have the best eyesight. I learned they use their ears more & the only way to get close ~~is~~ is to be very quiet & speak low.

I mean, how many people
can say they've stalked
seals?

Besides the rock, through
all the different hikes, &
tide pool schools I got an
appreciation for all the very
small pieces to the environment.
Like lobsters, crabs, snails, sea stars,
etc. ~~Yes~~ I would never ^{have} known
how everything matters so
much to the earth.

Overall, my experience
has taught me some
pretty great things I can't
wait to share.

Sincerely,
Tajika

Dear Dr. Jordan,

Over the past few weeks, I've done some fun, amazing things that I could spend all day writing about. However, the things I've learned throughout this whole experience are much more important. When I arrived at GLA, I was shy and more excited to meet people rather than to learn. I ~~to~~ was this way for a few days, until I opened my mind up to all the information I was being provided. From the MDR trip on, I absorbed all the information I was given eagerly. Now that the program is almost over, I'm realizing that these things I've learned have changed me. Instead of being aware of the environmental crisis and not doing anything, I plan to spread awareness and try to help prevent it. Thanks to film club, I plan on taking more interest in my family's organic garden, being more careful with what I eat, and possibly giving up eating meat (actually, that's mostly because of the lobster bake at Mike's house). Academics has taught

me important skills and facts (especially how the things I used to call seagulls are actually herring gulls, and how bark is grey). Altogether, the things I've learned through GLA will most likely help me decide who I want to be and what I want to do in my life.

Sincerely,

Conor Stephenson

P.S. If you want me to vacuum your entire lighthouse again, I'll gladly do it when I come to Maine for Thanksgiving/next summer.

Gina

Dear Dr. Jordan

Why is humanity screwing up the environment? There are people out there that don't care about the planet. I always knew they were out there, but never to this extent. We are so close to completely harming this world, and they just block it all out. We need an answer on how to fix it, and need it now.

One possible solution lies in fuel. For all we know, the Middle East may have peaked in gas production. We need a backup plan, or a

back door. One way may be to try to focus on renewable energy sources. Take Vinhyharten, for example. They're using mainly energy from wind turbines right now.

Another possibility I thought up while here was to copy other countries. One way here, we would go for hours with only seeing four or five towns. If we were to have less distance between places, then we wouldn't have to use cars as often. Less car usage translates into less gasoline usage.

Pollution. One word with one helluva impact. We aren't as loud as we used to be with it - like dumping

Ginny

chemicals into the water - but we aren't exactly there yet. We need to clean up our act somehow. Pollution is one of the causes of global warming, and something has to be done about it. We could try to recycle more, but that would take too long.

These past three weeks have been like a crash course in Environmental Sciences. I learned as much as I might have if I took a whole year class. It's been like Nature's Classroom on hyperdrive. Every day the teachers had something else to do for us, and they deserve a lot of credit. I never

I thought I would be
able to build a solar
powered car, or even a
set of wind turbine blades

I thank you for this
amazing opportunity,
Kenny Sample

Dear Dr. Jordan,

This experience really layed a big role in my life. It influenced me to help the environment instead of making it worse. At this point I want to stop the polution and keep the world a better place. My goal will be to create more hydro, solar, and wind powered inventions so less electricity and gas will be used. ~~From~~ From what I've been effected in a way that has never happened to me before. I actually care about the place I live and how I am being effected by all of the devastatating polution which is going on. When all of that gets cut down the planet earth as a whole will become a better place and I want to help with that project. I came into this to get away but also because I liked the environment but now all I can say is

that I NEED to help. I feel
as if I can teach younger
children what I have learned
for even more support of my
dream. I can now tell children
what's wrong with the environment
and how all of us are being
affected. As it comes down to
the end, I feel as I CAN
now make a change. Although
I started on the wrong foot
with violations, I came to the
finish ~~with~~ learning more than before.
Thanks for the wonderful
experience of GLA 2012.

Sincerely,

Brandon Cordell

Dear Dr Jordan,

7/12/12

I have learned way to many different things over the past three weeks to write on paper. One of the main things I learned to do was to live with different people and work in large groups. Living with someone I didn't know was hard at first because you have to compromise when to go to sleep or who's going to shower first. Being able to have an experience like that allows me to get a feel of what college will be like. Usually when I work in a group the most people I ever work with is about 2 to 3 people. Having to work with 10 people was a big change. Everyone would try to have a say in something. Working with such a big group taught me that you have to work together and you have to listen to what other people have to say because you might actually be wrong.

I probably learned more about science in the past 3 weeks than I have in one school year. We learned about

Future I would like to try to get a
group to see how we can make the world
better. I want to try to create a source of
energy that doesn't run on fuel, something
like a wind turbine but not the same
thing. I hope that with the knowledge I
obtained I can make a difference in the
world. Also, in other people so that they
too can help.

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Corino

P.S. thank you for the experiences & allowing
me to learn new things.

Subject: Sand

7/12/12

Dear Dr. Jordan,

These past few weeks have been life altering and have armed me with the tools and knowledge to do something in the future. What I would like to do in the coming years is start an environmental program building. At this building various ecological friendly activities will take place involving young children. I have realized that students and children like us will soon direct the planet into either a deeper polluted hell or a natural environment. The only way a large natural utopia can be created is if the rulers of tomorrow are educated in the proper way. Future offspring need to learn the basics in keeping a healthy environment and a clean planet. Fun recreational activities will incorporate the Earth and its natural products. This program will be an after school extra curricular either connected to local schools or a separate program. If I had the power, I would begin such a project in the next month or so.

However since the materials are not at my disposal the optimum powers of use would be to know all the people connected to nearby schools and buildings.

Honestly the only opposition against this project would be all the paperwork, donations, and bills that would clutter the desk. For this reason I would need very learned, educated employees leading such a project. Money will always be an issue since the program could cost money in order to supply the basic needs of the building and its students. Parents and Government officials should not necessarily have a problem. Parents would be able to trust the kids and allow the program to "baby sit" their children for a few more hours. Schools can easily make this building a normal bus stop in order to carry kids from school to the program efficiently and without any hassle with parents. Furthermore the ideas and curriculum that is being taught is hands on, safe and undestructive to kids. The children will be the platform for a better future.

For the past three weeks, I have learned a lot about myself and what I have learned will aid me in making a plan like this happen. This program displayed to me that being a leader requires charisma and not only appealing to the public but assigning positions that are the best fit for people. Why would someone assign a beaver to do a horse's job. A good leader must know his or her followers.

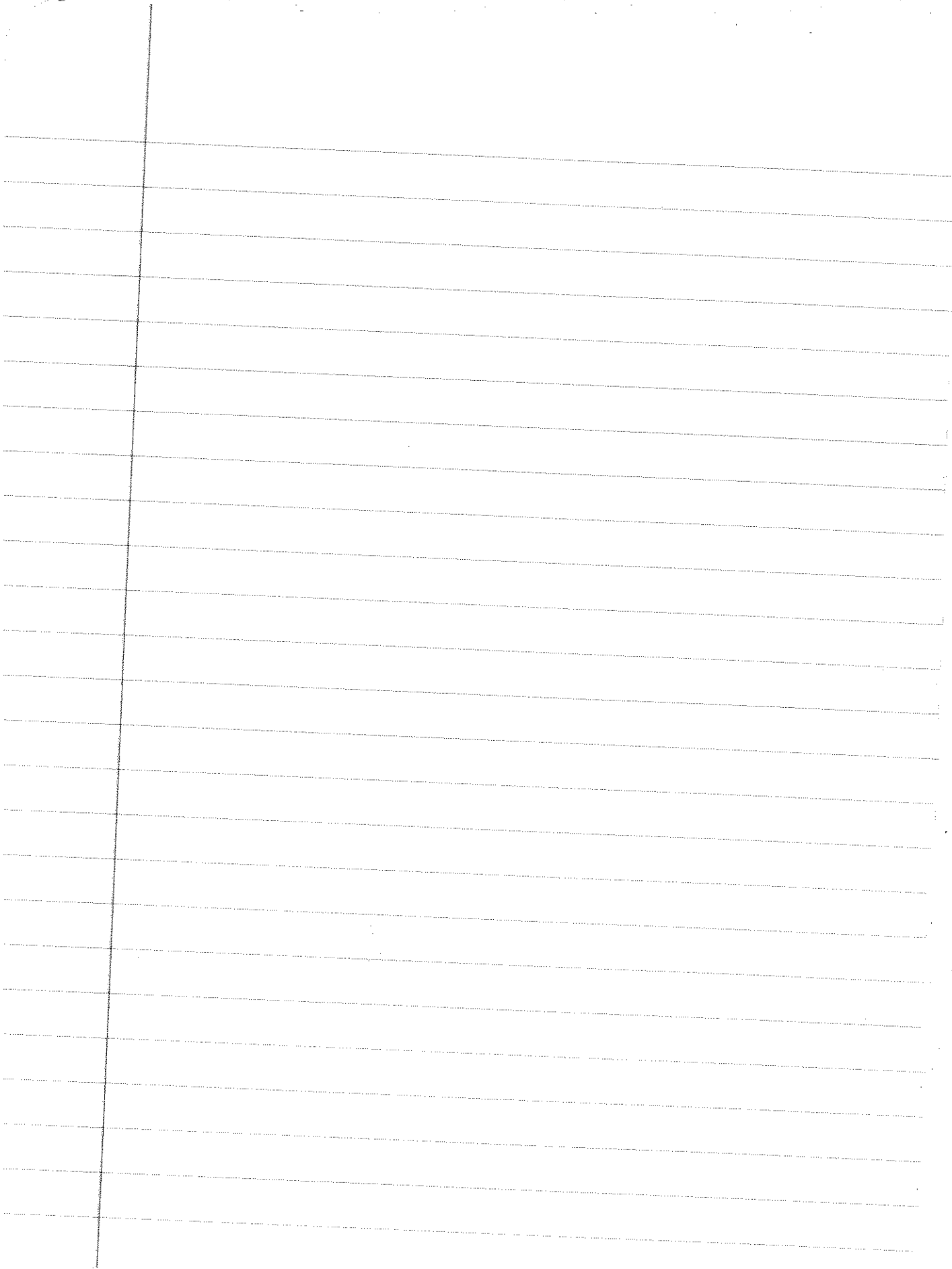
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and use their abilities to further the organization in a positive way. However the most important thing that a leader must do is follow. A great leader knows that when the time comes he must be open and listen to others in order to grow himself. Cooperation and dealing with strangers will also help starting a project like an environmental program off the ground.

If a plan like this is successful the impact it can have on the environment of the future will be so great that we might finally turn the tide on pollutants and human caused extinction.

Soon programs can be started all over the 50 states and make our blue planet a little greener, starting at our roots; children. This program had opened my eyes to a greater wealth of knowledge that may have not been there before.

Sincerely,
Syed.



Bullis
Case

Dear Dr Jordan

The environment is an important to life itself. It has the ability to sustain life and death with changes will cripple everything we know and love. This knowledge of how this helps me understand what is happening today, and how we determine that the really thing that helps us survive.

The degradation of the environment is result of not knowing that what we are doing is wrong and lack of environmentally impact we are causing. The impact we are having today is taking our tomorrow away from us, without our knowing it.

The reason this is happening is because we never stop to think how do we affect the place we lived in, the Earth. We make things that are harmful for the environment, producing a

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Better

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surplus of stuff that goes to waste,
and reorganizing the things we
demand trash.

What I have learned are
ways to stop being wasteful, understand
the environment, how we can improve
the ways things today, like
instead using fossil fuel we use
renewable and less harmful,
solar, wind, and water energy,
that be constant and last so
long environment stable.

The things I can do to make
those possible is to make
people aware of these growing
problems, and I myself start
with those steps.

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Dear Dr. Jordan,

These past three weeks have taught me so much and opened my eyes to nature. I have learned to become much more aware of my surroundings and all the plants and animals living in their natural habitats. For example, going to Tide Pool School and working with organisms like green crabs, snails, and the different algae has taught me the importance of handling nature with care. Also, the first week we made field journals and wrote down different observations of a plant or animal. This taught me to further explore my surroundings and that there is more to nature or an organism than what you quickly glance at when walking by. In order to really discover nature and what it has to offer, you have to pay attention and look closely. I also learned more about the relationships we have with animals. At Mount Desert Rock, we were given the opportunity to ^{see and} explore seaquills and seals in their natural habitats. on the rock

we were intruding on the animals. We saw how the seagulls were very protective of their eggs. I realized that we have a closer bond with animals than I thought, in which we all share common behaviors. I also learned how to be more efficient with what I am given while making a task successful. For example, when building the solar cars, we learned how to make the cars run successfully while using limited materials, all while using solar panels ^{where we were} using the sun as our energy source. This taught us that less is more, in which we were limited in what ^{we} could use, and ^{the project} was good for the environment in the long run. I am so much more aware of nature and realize that we all need to take steps in preserving it. Through all I have been taught throughout my life, I have never felt as positively influenced and motivated in helping the environment than I have felt these past three weeks.

Thank you,
Jessica Ganim

Dear Dr. Jordan,

I always thought of nature as just plants, animals and air. Just recently though, I've just learned that there is more to Nature than plants and animals. We may see one thing, something simple, and have yet to realize how complex that may truly be. Whenever I looked at a small bumblebee, I just thought it was an insect who collected pollen, nothing more to it. Nowadays, I see a honeybee as an insect who collects pollen and spreads it amongst other flowers, working hard each and every day while the queen bee would have one job, to reproduce. When I leave I will always remember this experience and know that everything is much more complex.

From now on, I'll be able to understand the beauty of nature and its animals and I will know how to observe an animal in its natural habitat while making sure I don't affect it. I learned that even the rocks are more complex than they look, what with their various colors and how some rocks were shaped. It's hard to forget something that's changed how you look at things, for me I will never forget.

From here on out, I'll have a new respect for all life, plants and animals, and I will let others know of my experience and what I learned.

Sincerely,
Jamie Castro

Ajani Wright

~~Dear~~

Dear Dr. Jordan,

From this whole experience I have learned to appreciate Nature and bugs more than I use to. I learned a lot about how if one thinks taken out of Nature it's a domino effect and it harms everyone. This program helped me to overcome so many fears; It showed me that it is OK to step out of my comfort zone and I learned that I am able to, maybe now I can do it more often. I learned that I have more tolerance than I thought I did. I was able to endure long boat rides, live on Mount Desert Rock for two nights, and three days and ~~survive~~ survive. I was also able to go hiking where my fears live amongst animals, bugs, and different aspects of life. This program taught me to appreciate more and to be grateful about the little things in life.

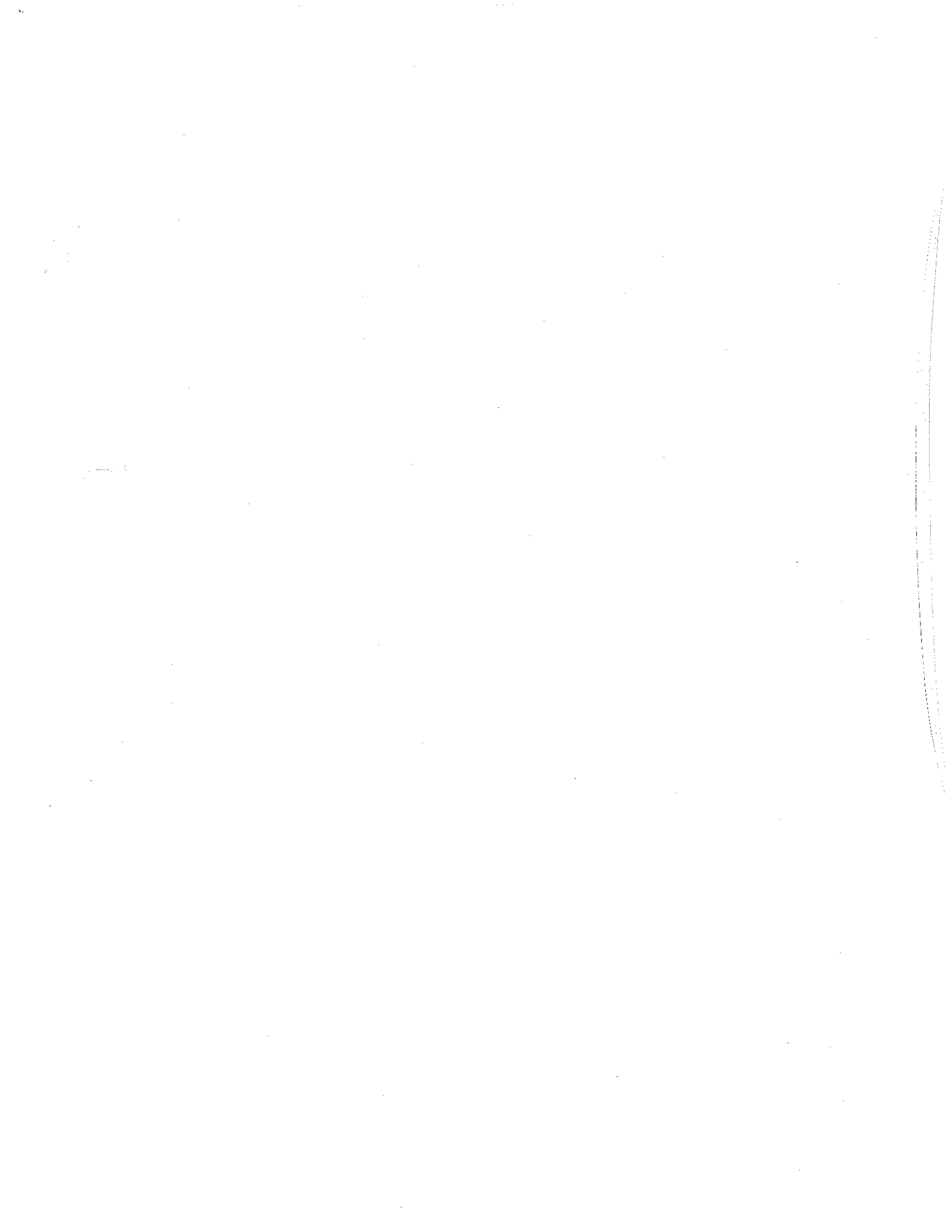
Dear Dr. Jordan,

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I have learned many new things over these past 3 weeks at Green Light Academy. From being on Mount Desert Rock with Dan to Goose Rocks Lighthouse. Before this trip I didn't really know you could live in a lighthouse or on a rock in the middle of the ocean. All the cruises and tours that we took on the boats, the bus rides and the hikes that the Acadia National Park Rangers talked about. All the cool animals that were in the COA museum and the sea creatures we got to touch on Driver Ed's boat. I learned that sea urchins, sea cucumbers, and sea stars are all part of the Echinoderm family. Also that a lobster's carapace has to be from 3.5 to 5 inches to be a good catch. Also that you have to throw back the pregnant females so they can continue breeding and reproducing. These previous weeks have been a fun experience for probably everyone. I made new friends and had a great time here at GLA. I wish I could come back and do it all again. I will probably try to hike more and do more research about marine and environmental science and biology.

Thank You Dr. Jordan!

Sincerely,
Saihaideep Singh



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Casey Jordan,

Three weeks ago I was a different person. I am still not an environment type of girl but I have done things here that I would have never done at home like learn how to swim in a freezing cold ocean, visit two lighthouse, and observe and touch ~~sea~~ ^{ocean} life thanks to diver Ed, and drive a boat. I've never been on water so much in my life. But coming here I let go of the city girl attitude and went without showers and beauty products. I learned how to make a scale design thanks to our trip to Mount Desert Rock and our teacher Greg and also solar panelled cars. I learned ~~to~~ how to get along with people, socialize and not be so stuck up. I am still a private person but I'm learning how to open up and that's something my mom will be happy to hear about. This was a

very unique experience those
past three weeks did become
stressful for me at some points
but I ~~know~~ now know what I
can and cannot handle so it's
been worth it.

~~_____~~ ~~_____~~

7/12/17

From the desk of Noah Storey

Dear Dr. Jordan,

Thank you for giving me the knowledge to understand what is happening in our environment. I know know that I can change the world for the better. Even if it is as small as starting a community recycling program, I ~~know~~ have the knowledge to help anyone ~~and~~ or any thing that

Reply

noah storey
noah storey
how?

anywhere you go. It holds no boundaries
and it makes life more enjoyable.

I have also learned how to interact
and socialize with such a diverse set of
people. I have learned how to be patient
and more understanding. With that I have
gained confidence, maturity and leadership skills.

Thank you so much,
Emma Finegan

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Dr Jordan,

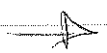
Coming into this camp I knew what seems like everyone else knew about the environment, we have to conserve it and everything you do changes it. I didn't know that there was much more to understand. Even the first 10 days as we learned about our changes to the environment I still didn't fully understand it. It would go in one ear out the other. After visiting Mount Desert Rock I experienced how peaceful the environment is without our aspect. Never seeing harbor seals or herring gulls in there ~~made~~ ^{natural} environment, I noticed the impact we do on all of these animals. Living in that environment where humans were the minority was definitely not only a change but a learning experience. I myself take luxuries as not a privilege but something that is natural. Simple things such as a composting toilet is even a privilege. The house didn't have any water, cleaning with buckets showed me how much we take for granted everything as much as we ~~event~~ have to admit.

Throughout the various hikes at first not paying much attention to the rangers (Wish I had now reminiscing) but when I finally did it started to hit me how beautiful and how ~~every~~ each

thing in the environment is different and so difficult to compare. Even at times. Us even walking along those trails made a difference, killing the land we were stepping on. Something that caught my attention how various plants were edible! ~~Some~~ Some tasted like nothing, others tasted like icing and some even salt!

Collecting invasive species by the septic peninsula of green crabs gave me the knowledge and understanding how like humans animals can populate and differentiate throughout. Males weighing less and smaller than the female. I've learned so much. Testing water samples showed me ~~how~~ how to use my everyday life "hands on" experiences.

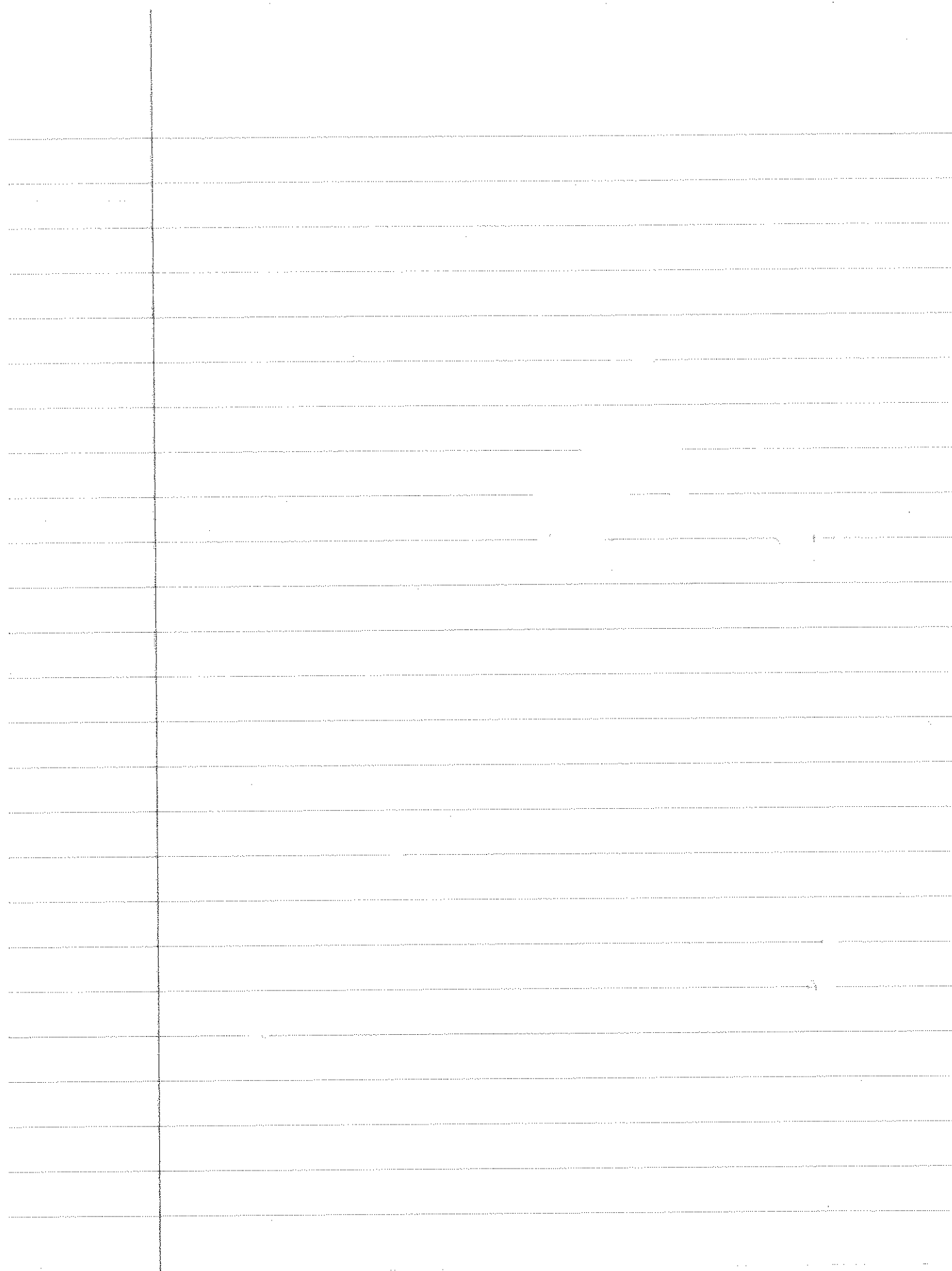
After writing this whole letter and all those experience I can't stress how much the environment changes due to our impact. In the future I will be able to be alot more aware of my surroundings. Knowing what to do and ~~knowing~~ why we have to. I have always loved the sciences and wanted to be a marine scientist.



Natalia Cotes

Knowing where I want to work just not how to get there. Everyone always said it's practically an environmentalist but I would refuse to say that and now I find that an amazing job, after facing so many fears and experiencing the ~~mountain~~ hikes, mostly after talking to the researchers at the Rock. I learned that that's what I want to do. Be outside seeing the human effects on marine life. just learning ~~the~~ something everyday. Nothing the same and the more I can learn about the environmental effect is outstanding how different aspects can change everything.

Natalie Cono 



Dear Dr. Jordan,

7/12/18

Throughout these amazing 3 weeks, I have truly developed a stand point in what I believe in and what my place in this environment is. I have realized some known alternatives to power that their are in the world, like solar energy, and wind energy. Their are so many natural processes in the world that use energy that we, as humans, can harness to use as power for Motors, lights, etc. This can all be done without harming the environment. After this camp, it really makes me more attentive and considerate of my surroundings and the environment that ~~we~~ I live in and share with so many other amazing creatures. For example, on Mount Desert Rock, we were living in the middle of seals' and herring gulls' natural homes. I am no longer only going to think of my needs over other organisms. I would rather share my space with these creatures than keep everything for myself. I found other alternatives to inhance my own needs as well as enhancing

the environment and the biotic community within it. I wouldn't have realized it without this experience, and without you this opportunity wouldn't have even been available to me. So thank you very much.

Sincerely
Karli U. Kibby

Karli Kibby

Dear Dr. Jordan

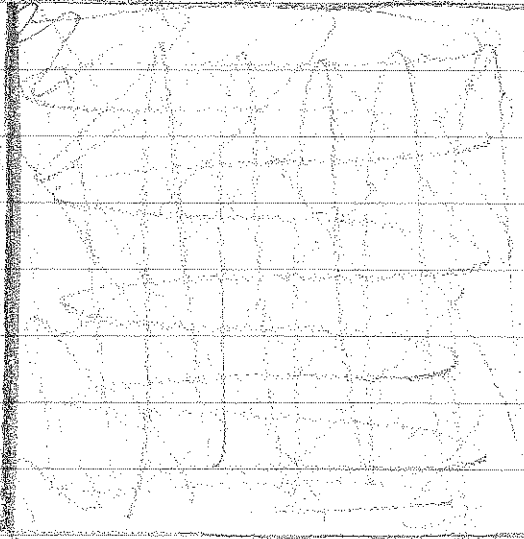
Throughout this experience I have learned so much and had fun along the way. I learned just how big an impact humans have on animals and their environment, and the impact on the world itself. I learned about the various types of fuels and how they affect the world. It was interesting to see how animals have adapted to their environments and how some are forced to adapt by humans or risk extinction. Although humans have destroyed habitats and over-hunted animals, there is change coming and although it's not as soon as some would like it's better than no change at all. Scientists have come up with new energy sources such as solar and wind power, that are better for the environment than coal or oil. There are also organizations that promote animal and plant health — and — their environments. I believe, in time, ^{that} we can change the world... for the better.

Sincerely, Ethan Presley

Amazing Grace

How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch
like me.

I once was lost
but now I'm found
Was Blind but now
I see.



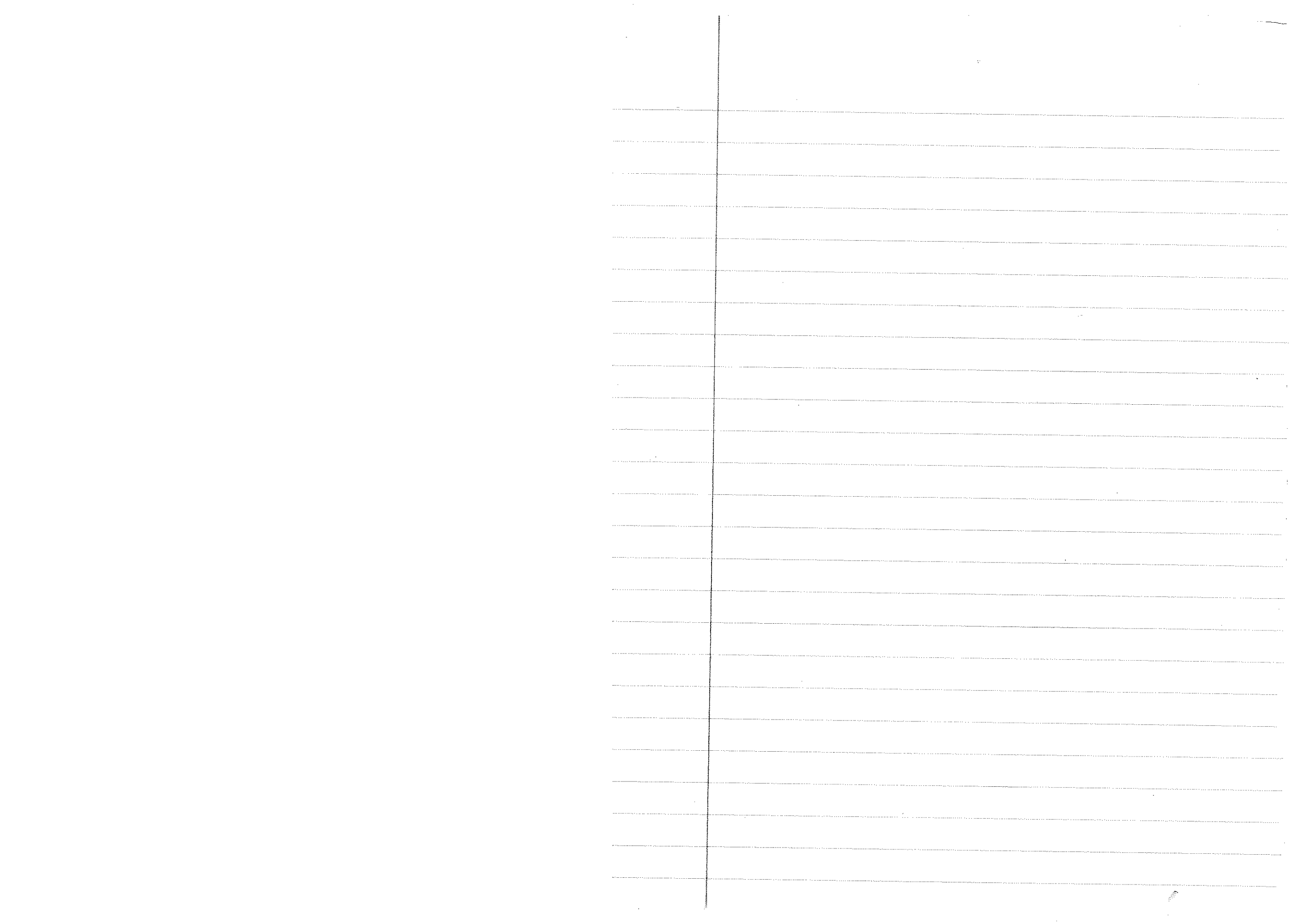
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Dear Dr. Jordan,

This experience has been an eye-opening one. I've not only learned more about energy and the environment, but myself. I have not only learned about what's wrong with the environment, but how I can help correct it. We learned about everything from invasive species to sustainable energy, the latter of which I can apply to use later in life when I become an engineer.

While we learned much from the academics, we learned even more about ourselves. I personally learned about group dynamics and being out of your comfort zone. I was also, for the first time, completely surrounded by my intellectual equals.

With innumerable thanks,
Homaed Ahmed Khan



Dear
Dr. Jordan,

I have learned so much in the past few weeks, even though it feels like I've been here for months.

I have learned so much about the environment and the small things I can do to protect it, I have learned that even one person, one teenager, has the potential to change the world. Alongside all of these important topics I have also learned so much about myself and my abilities.

This program threw me out of my comfort zone, which, trust me, is hard to do. I believe that through interacting with my other team members, and becoming friends with people I wouldn't normally spend time with, I have gained new mediation skills and definitely a lot more patience.

Although there were many... frustrating issues, I learned to deal with them on my own instead of having an adult tell me what my next move should

be, which was extremely liberating. I have been able to gain a new sense of independence.

I have been so inspired by everything I have learned ~~about~~ here. I have so many plans, one including me filming a documentary of me attempting to move ~~at~~ my school away from styrofoam and disposable utensils to reusable plates, knives and forks in my school's cafeteria. I have always loved science and I have always wanted to link science with ways to help my community, and now I've seen the path, thank you.

This has been a totally unique experience and I am so very grateful that I took part. I honestly hope that Green Light Academy and Beacon Preservation last for years to come and that my friends are also able to have this opportunity. Again, thank you,

sincerely, Laura Montanari

July 12, 2012

Dr. Casey Jordan,

The Earth is my passion. These past 3 weeks we have talked about how I will know what "it" is. The it being my calling, what I want to devote my life too, how I will contribute to the world, to humanity. "It" is the term we have used to encompass all that and more. To me, not having a clue as to what my "it" is, is ridiculous. My brain has been working double time just to figure out what it could be. And today it hit my in the face full force. When Dr. Labanca handed out the quote from Rachel Carson and Aldo Leopold along with the 5 questions about how we can impact our world I was astounded to realize that my answers flowed from the memory of our conversations. The environment, Earth, and the connection between humanity & nature is a vast majority of my "it". This is where I want to leave my mark. I do not want to be the next Rachel Carson, no, I want more. I want my words, writings & efforts to be far greater than hers. I want to leave people with a feeling, life compass. They need to see the urgency & importance of the Environmental Crisis the world is in, enough to change their everyday lives. Every where I go I hear "leave no trace." Well I want to, and I want to leave behind a hell of a lot more than a trace.

These thoughts scare me. Is this just my ego speaking? Do I just want power? or is that the way the world works - the only way to evoke change is through power. I know that latter is true but the first worries me. You have helped me realize that everything will fall into place IF I let these thoughts haunt me then I will not get very far. I need to take things one step at a time, & to just go with the flow. Hopefully I will follow the flow in the right direction.

-Jackie

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Dear Dr. Jordan,

I first want to thank you for all the knowledge that I have acquired at this program. Throughout the past 3 weeks, I have become more aware of my surroundings. ~~@@~~ I notice the different organisms that are at a certain ecosystem. I've learned how animals and humans can work well together. I've also learned ~~that~~ how humans have not been trying to live with animals peacefully throughout the years. I learn how to identify certain organisms that look very similar. I ~~learn~~ built my own solar car and wind turbine, therefore I learn how these alternate energy machines work and why they help keep the earth clean and healthy. If I wrote down everything I learned in these past 3 weeks, it will just be too long. However, I can definitely say

that I've learn many eye-opening facts that have changed my view on nature and on what I want to do when I'm older. Most importantly I learn that no matter how ~~big~~ ~~you~~ ~~are~~, ~~you~~ ~~are~~ ~~small~~ something is or how small you feel you are compared to the world, ~~you~~ ~~can~~ ~~always~~ certain actions that you take can have a big impact on the world we live in.

Thank You,
Mirella Fernandez

P.S. I hope I can come back sometime in the future. Hopefully as an ~~ARMY~~ ARMY. Once again thank you for this amazing experience.



Ahnan Hassan

July 12, 2012

Dear Dr. Jorgan,

I wanted you to know about some of the amazing things that I learned on my visit to Maine. One of my favorite trips that we went on was the rock, I felt like it was something different, something I have never done ever in my life.

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It was an experience that I had, on top of all that I learned

•) So many new things about me and about my life. For examples when we went to the rock (Mount desert rock) I saw lot and lots of seals over also that's for sure they were around the outside of the island by the rocks they mostly liked the North east side, it could have been because of the way the sun rises or the way the wind blows. Point is that humans were out numbered by seals because we were basically visiting their iniorment, We were

Dear Casey Jordan,

During the summer I learned a lot of important information that will help me in my future education. Because there is a high-demand for workers in the "green job" industry the program has given me an edge over the competition for those jobs. The most interesting thing I learned was how, if you remove one organism out of the food chain than it has a great affect on the other organisms attached to that food chain. For example, I learned that at yellow stone national park the administration removed a plant that the deers eat. Because the deers didn't have a constant source of food their population dropped. The predator of that area, the wolf, population also dropped because there was not as many deers to eat. After the rangers at the park noticed the decrease in the wolf's and deers' population they were able to...