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Dear Professor:

This student is enrolled in the Animal Sciences 18100 course, "Orientation to Animal Sciences" and we are writing to inform you of the in-state industry trip on Friday, February 15 – Saturday February 16 that is the centerpiece of the seminar course which helps students learn more about opportunities in the animal sciences industry.

The industry tour is the centerpiece of the seminar course in order to help students learn more about opportunities in the animal sciences industry. **We will leave campus at 6:00 a.m. on February 15 and return Saturday, February 16 by 8:00 pm.** We will be traveling on the Boilermaker Express coach buses.

ANSC 18100 was created to help your student adjust and feel connected to our Department and to increase their success rate this first year. Objectives of the course are to increase interest, connectedness, retention, and enhance career success by introducing students to Animal Sciences faculty, staff and the programs of study in Purdue Animal Sciences. Opportunities students are exposed to outside the classroom include on-campus learning experiences (research, teaching, and extension), internships, and study abroad opportunities. We are also connecting first-year students with successful upperclassmen on a weekly basis in small groups. We will also assist them in assessing their personal interests, values, skills, personality, accomplishments and career goals.

Our students are well aware that they are not being excused from any responsibilities pertaining to your class, but rather we are verifying their involvement in this educational trip. We hope that you will allow them to take advantage of this career preparation industry tour and still fulfill all of your class obligations. These students are being strongly encouraged to take part in the trip but they must do well in their courses and get everything accomplished at a high standard.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about the Animal Sciences 18100 course, "Orientation to Animal Sciences" and the in-state animal industry trip. We thank you for your interest in providing the best experiential learning combinations possible for our students.

Sincerely,

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