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Dear Andrew

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My name is Zak May. I am from the most northwestern part of North Carolina in a little river town called Todd, right above Boone. UNC Charlotte was not my first pick when it came to after graduating high school. I was set on The Citadel in South Carolina after being admitted, only falling short by not getting the scholarship I was hoping for. In this writing course I am expecting to dig deeper than you usually do in an English class, also getting to learn about the “Human Experience”, and broken down what that really is. I never had a great talent in writing, though I have read books and was interested in reading since I was young. As you mentioned everyone has something interesting about them, and my interesting fact would have to be walking up on two black bears on different occasions in the wild, and actually getting away without any injuries.

The one quote that talked to me from the syllabus would have to from Robin Williams, “You’re only given little spark of madness. You mustn’t lose it.” I believe it means that you can only be you, think for you, and never be afraid to be different and free. Also, I think you put it at the top of the front page and slightly larger because it’s a universal quote. Everyone has that spark; its how they use it that turns the tides. This quote has to do with the human spirit, and the course has to do with the human experience. What it takes to be a human being rather than just a human takes that spark of madness to make you stand out among the others.

Finally, the only question or concern I would have at this point is maybe you could talk more about the 8-12 hours of observance we need for the course, and maybe the best way to get a hold of these organizations.