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Dear Chuck,

I am writing this letter in support of funding for lab equipment at Chadron State College. I am a former student at Chadron State and graduated with a degree in applied sciences in the field of range management from the institution in May of 2004.

During my time at Chadron State I gained invaluable experience in the form of hands on practical experience and classroom instruction.

Classes covered numerous topics in the fields of range management and animal science that helped prepare me for my current job with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Out of classroom participation with hands on exercises provided practical skills that I use with my job every day. In my line of work I work closely with agriculture producers on a day to day basis. My experience at Chadron State taught me not only technical skills but valuable communication skills that help me represent the Federal Government to the best of my abilities every single day.

The professionals in the range and agriculture department not only taught me in the classroom but provided sources and contacts for jobs and possible careers after graduation. As I write this letter I can go through the history of my professional career and know that it started with my education at Chadron State, the people I met, and the experiences I gained at that institution.

Sincerely,

Brad Carlson
Resource Conservationist