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Dr Butterfield,

I graduated from Chadron State College in the spring of 2002 with a Bachelor of Arts in Range Management, Rangeland Livestock Production Option, and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, Ag Business Option, with a Minor in Animal Science.

Like most freshmen in college I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. As I progressed through my first year of classes, my advisor took the extra time to discuss my interests with me. After discovering that rangelands and livestock were my passions we discussed career opportunities. I had found a career path that I wanted to pursue and they helped me get into the correct classes for the Rangeland degree.

By completing all of the requirements for the course I learned about each individual area of rangelands and how to manage them. In addition to the classroom and lab courses, the Ag students were eligible to participate in class trips to five states in the Midwest region, expanding our knowledge and understanding of range management in other ecological regions of the west.

With the valuable education that I gained at Chadron State College I was able to obtain a job with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a Rangeland Management Specialist. I am currently still with the NRCS as a Resource Conservationist. I would not have been awarded these jobs in the highly competitive field of Rangeland Management if I had not attended Chadron State College. The increased enrollment and expansion of the department is a testament to the quality of education received at CSC.

Sincerely,

CASEY LANCASTER
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