

Dear Instructor Adam Williamson,

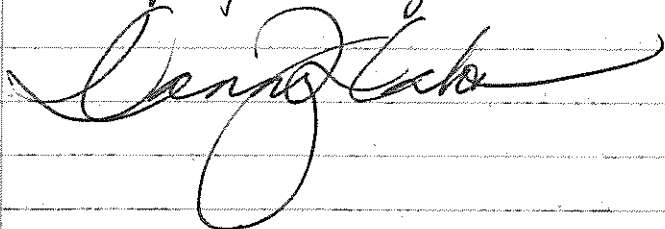
Here is my writing about my motivation for pursuing education inside prison. Please feel free to edit, proofread or shorten my piece to fit the content of your article:

I am Danny Ho. I recently earned an Associate of Arts degree through the Prison University Project of Patten University at San Quentin, Class of 2016. My motivation for pursuing education inside prison came when I saw the PUP staff and volunteers walked across the yard everyday to come into the classrooms to teach so I decided to sign up for the program. PUP has offered a variety of classes required for an Associate of Arts degree, and biology was one of my favorite classes.

Biology is a lab science class which was led by kind Instructor Adam Williamson. One of the main motivations that kept me going was that Instructor Williamson and the co-instructors moved me in a profound way - their daily and weekly care and effort - it's like a second family. I had been in prison for almost 15 years now and had never experienced this kind of love and care. I never thought that even here in prison I could still receive strong support from the community outside and that I could take college classes and had many hands-on experiences like a real college. We were given many chances to dissect everything from cow eyes to sheep brains but the lab that left us with the deepest gratitude was when we were allowed a chance to look at how a sea urchin's cell divided during fertilization. On this particular

day, it was raining outside and there were also other obstacles in the process of bringing things inside prison but Instructor Williamson made it happen. As a result of his persistence, it was possible for us to experiment the beauty of this science. Having a chance to observe the colorful development of life begins with a ~~single~~ single cell under the microscope was a thrill experience, but what struck me the most was the caring and kindness Instructor Williamson and his team gave. I have gained a great deal of understanding about biology, and forever I owe it to them. Thank you so much for motivating me to pursue my education by your actions. May God continue to bless you with good health, happiness, and a long fruitful life on this earth.

with profound gratitude



Danny Ho