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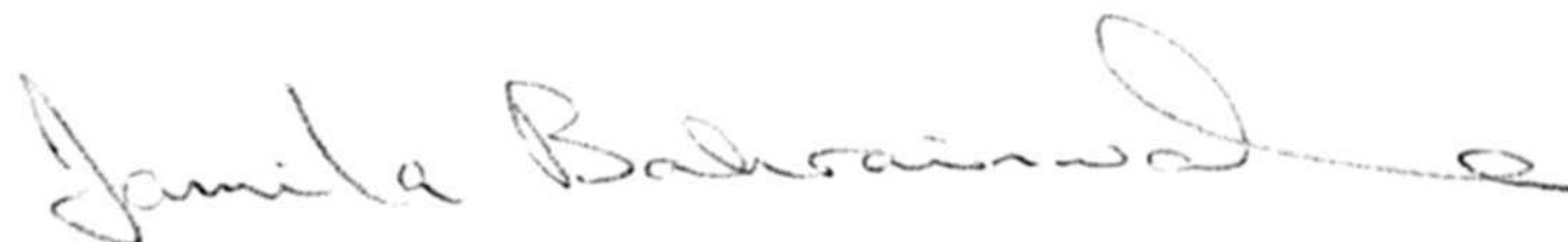
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### Testimonial of Summer Internship Experience

Reflecting back on my time spent as an intern at the Cleveland Clinic this past summer, I realize how enriching of an experience it truly was. Not only did the summer internship program help me develop an understanding and appreciation for the field of medicine and research, but it also gave me the opportunity to have rare and exciting experiences connected to reproductive medicine at one of the top ranked medical centers in the nation. For an aspiring medical student such as myself, this was an invaluable experience that I feel has increased my chances of entry and success in the medical field.

As a pre-med student at Northwestern University, I was looking for a summer internship that would expose me to the medical field as well as give me the opportunity to work in a lab and conduct medical research. Little did I know that I would be getting much more than I asked for. Throughout my time at the Clinic, I was responsible for researching and writing a manuscript for an article that is now being submitted for publication. Aside from becoming well versed in inflammation and the effects that reactive oxygen species have on male fertility, myself and my fellow interns had the privilege of listening to outstanding lectures given by various physicians and researchers of the Clinic on topics including urology, fertility, reproduction, and medical research. As if that was not enough, we had the opportunity to shadow several Cleveland Clinic physicians as they performed surgery. It is amazing to look back and think that I had all these experiences in such a short period of time.

Another very important aspect of my summer internship experience is the life skills that I developed while working at the Clinic. By working alongside well-esteemed physicians and world-renowned researchers, I became familiar with their sense of passion, hard work, and commitment that they dedicate to their work. It has motivated myself to live up to that same standard of excellence in all my studies and future endeavors. Therefore, I would like to thank all of those who make this internship possible because it truly was a life-changing experience for me. It has confirmed my decision to go into medicine and made the path to attaining my goals much easier.



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