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Dear Mrs. Flint:

Over the course of the past few weeks, our group has been working very diligently to learn as much as possible about the Weston Hall activity system. We chose Weston Hall specifically because each member of this group has lived in the residence halls on campus, and have all heard excellent things regarding Weston Hall. Through this analysis, we hope to inform potential students about this wonderful program. On the surface, the study of a single residence hall here on campus has the potential to seem rather boring and very straightforward. However, with the addition of the Weston Exploration Living-Learning Community we quickly found that Weston Hall was far more complex than we had originally estimated.

From interviews with the students, both new and old, as well as the staff, we immediately discovered why Weston Hall was given such an excellent reputation on campus. The hall specifically seeks out Resident Advisors (RAs) and staff that are outgoing and willing to put in the extra effort. Additionally, the students at Weston are encouraged to interact with one another and take advantage of the extremely well developed Living-Learning Community that is in their basement. Many students are unaware that they pay extra to be apart of the Weston Exploration program. They also seem to underestimate the benefits of having the facilities and tools right at their fingertips.

The Weston Hall activity system, specifically the Weston Exploration program, is geared towards LAS freshman and sophomores with an undeclared major. After studying the *Learning Outcomes* document, we learned that it is the major goal of the Weston Exploration is to help students discover themselves and the career path that best fits their future aspirations. It is no secret that when students enter the University, it is easy to get lost amongst the choices that one is required to make within months of being a student. Weston Hall takes the time to get to know each student, and provide him or her with facilities that can help them make the right decisions, so they do not look back on their college career with any regrets.

From its library, to the on-call staff, to the classes offered only to Weston residents, Weston Hall, and the Exploration program, is a complex system that can help students strike the perfect balance between their academic, social, and leadership. We have felt all long, that this program is extremely well developed and should be extended in future years to the other residence halls on campus. While this may be an added expense to the University, there is no doubt in our minds that the little work now will go a long way in the future.

Sincerely,

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