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Dear Berklee Five-Week Directors,

I believe Berklee generates the world's greatest musicians and leaders. Being a student in the Berklee environment, I can say with confidence I can become whatever I want if I set my mind to it. Arriving at this realization was only possible because of the strong support around me. I believe that teachers and mentors cultivate the great musicians of the world, and some of the best mentors and teachers teach at Berklee.

In these times, I feel and see the necessity of more leaders and mentors to inspire young musicians and help them prepare for their future careers. Being a young musician, I understand what it's like to be in their shoes, and because of the musical experiences I've had, I know I have so much to offer them. I have had the privilege to work with and assist Musical Director and keyboardist, Kim Burse (Beyonce, J-Lo, Ciara etc.) for BET network's Black Girls Rock. I have also had the experience of performing several shows with Beyonce's Original All-Female band in New York and Boston. I have worked with Grammy Award winning pianist and composer Robert Glasper, performed with Lalah Hathaway, Gloria Estefan, Michael McDonald, and perform with my own band locally. I am also the musical director and vocal coach for Fellowship Christian Church in Boston. Being mentored by these industry greats has taught me some of the "up's & down's" of the music business, and has given me wisdom that I feel every young musician should have as they venture out into the professional music world for themselves.

Being a Berklee Five-Week alumnus, I know what a life-changing experience it was to have experienced mentors impart knowledge to me and allowed my musical inspiration to flourish. I feel that because of my understanding of the Five-Week Program, I know what areas I could best serve in. My forte is ensemble directing, (based on my vast experience leading numerous ensembles and groups), and teaching beginner-to-intermediate piano lessons, and vocal lessons. I know now that the reason I lead and teach is because I love to see musician's blossom into their full potential.

It would be great to schedule an appointment and meet you all in person. Hope to see you soon.

Best Regards,
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