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Dear Aaliyah and Deaira,
Hello, Thanks for writing! I love my job because it requires the use of the talents and skills I already have, so, it comes almost naturally to me to solve problems in geology. I welcome the challenge because it helps me learn more. Geology is not just about rocks, fossils and dinosaurs; geology is a scientific discipline (the word, 'discipline' means "a branch of knowledge or teaching") that deals with the study of the origin, history, and structure of the earth. Since geologists are, "earth-minded" we often deal with things like rocks and fossils but we also deal with cool stuff like volcanoes, glaciers, minerals and the weather (to mention a few). Geology is cool because there are many fields within the discipline (known as 'sub-discipline') that fits anyone's interest; With sub-disciplines like Historical Geology, Structural Geology, Stratigraphy, Paleontology, Mineralogy and Environmental Geology (to mention a few) you are sure to find something you have a passion for. Imagine your favorite subject in school, how hard is it doing that subject? Don't you feel excited learning the subject everyday? Are you not eager to do school work in that subject? That is how geology feels to me and every other person who wants to be a geologist. The first requirement is interest in the subject, once you are interested in a subject, you do all you can to understand the subject; even though sometimes it is challenging, you see every challenge as a hurdle you need to cross to become better in the subject so, every difficulty melts away as you become better at that subject.

I have been honored to be inducted into the National Honor Society and the National Dean's List; both are organizations which recognize college students who excel in their coursework (mainly having an average grade of a B+). It is an honor that recognizes all my hard work in school and I get to put it on my resume to show future employees (a resume is a list of all your achievements and qualifications). Hope this answers your questions. Please feel free to write anytime if you have more questions.

Best wishes,

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