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Ms Jennifer Higgins,  
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Dear Jennifer,

I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Aaron last week. I am sure that this is an extremely difficult time for you and his family.

I first met Aaron at interview in Toronto back in early 2010. I was struck by his honesty in openly discussing his medical problems and his determination to explore every option to pursue a degree in medicine. Over his time at RCSI, we would have had a number of discussions about academic and non-academic issues. Aaron was an exemplary student, demonstrating enthusiasm and determination in his academic work and never letting his focus waver from the end of graduating with his medical degree. Other than dealing with the practicalities of his health care, one would almost forget about his illness as he demonstrated great stoicism, never complaining. As one of his classmates recalled from a conversation with Aaron, he always said that he was living life to the fullest by attending medical school.

It was clear from observing his interactions with, and from talking to, his classmates that Aaron was an exceptionally popular student. He contributed much to the richness of the experience of his colleagues as well as to wider college life. We were delighted to hear last year about the birth of Georgia as his classmates here in Ireland kept us updated. The many expressions of concern that we received over recent weeks and the words of sadness received on behalf of his class on his passing, reinforce the esteem within which Aaron was held. His approach to life was an example to us all and we will never forget him.

At this difficult time, I wanted to let you know that my thoughts are with you, Georgia and Aaron's parents and family on your sad loss.

Yours sincerely,

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