

Impersonation in a Quiz - Abetting

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my **sincere regret** for a **terrible decision** that has not only negatively affected my life, but the lives of others. I am a fifth-year student in the Faculty of Education who has always been committed to the process of learning diligently and with complete honesty. I have prided myself on my hard work ethic and my complete dedication to my areas of study. Despite my psychiatric disability that often makes life more challenging, I've always tried to focus on being the best student I can be. This affinity for learning is one of the many reasons my recent **lack of judgment has been so devastating**.

During the last month of classes, one of my professors scheduled a test that was to take place first thing in the morning. The morning of the test, I awoke feeling extremely sick and mentally distraught. I had recently suffered a relapse in my condition due to devastating news about my family and ongoing personal issues. This relapse and my poor physical state led to a total lapse in judgment, and **I asked a colleague to write the test for me** (who in turn asked another friend to write it). At the time, I was not in the right state of mind to realize the impact and potential consequences of such a request.

A fellow classmate informed the professor that he had witnessed someone other than myself write my test. I was immediately called into the professor's office, where I admitted that I had not been present for the test. The other individuals who were involved were also contacted and questioned. The **issue escalated** and the Dean became involved. I was eventually contacted by the Integrity Office.

We all make split-second decisions in life, each affecting how our future is determined. Unfortunately, we are all flawed, sometimes making awful **decisions that not only affect ourselves, but others**. I would like to sincerely apologize to my professor, who trusted me to make honest and wise choices, the Faculty, who thankfully allowed me to pursue my dreams, and to my colleagues, who made their decisions based on compassion and friendship.

I have learned a great deal from this experience. I have learned that **every decision made needs to be thought through and assessed**. Regardless of my mental state and emotional trauma, I need to be cognizant of each and every action I take in the future. I will NEVER jeopardize my ethical and moral standards again. I **have struggled** to forgive myself, which is the hardest feat I've had to overcome, and I never want to be faced with such a moral dilemma again. I have definitely **learned my lesson**.

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