

Falsifying a Transcript

I am a second year Engineering student at the University of Windsor. In September 2007 my father had asked me to send him my transcript to check on how well I was doing in my courses. I was **not doing as well as I had hoped** but I didn't want my father to be upset over my current grades. My immediate thought was to send him a modified version of my university transcripts. I thought this was a good idea at the time. I **changed some marks** and I emailed him a **falsified transcript**. After looking at my transcript my dad was happy I was doing so well but the problem is that he took the transcript and sent it to another university without telling me. He wanted to see what my chances were of acceptance into that university. That university contacted the University of Windsor to check on the transcript and it was discovered that I had changed marks.

I **took complete responsibility** for my actions and pled guilty to the offence of falsifying a transcript. I wanted to take responsibility for my wrongful actions because I found **being honest** with my family, the university and me was the most important thing when it comes to my goals and the privilege of attending an institution of higher learning. I've learned that it's **better to work hard** and do well as opposed to take a short-cut that could destroy my chances of being able to graduate from university. **Honesty and integrity are important** attributes that will take me farther in school and life than misrepresenting my skills and abilities by disregarding rules of this institution. I learned that lying about my grades is not the way to get acclaim and praise from my family, rather it is hard work, honesty and academic excellence that will enable me to reach my goals.

Please **learn from my mistakes** and from this experience. Never offend school policies and **stay true to your own integrity**. Falsifying your grades or any other means of plagiarism is not the way to earn your degree. I hope my fellow classmates and other students can learn the same lesson that I have. That is, to understand that **risking their reputation**, record, and morals is not worth the momentary glory of falsely creating a positive image. **True success** can only be achieved through **hard work and dedication** and I am committed to this now.

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