Fujitsu Scholarship Essay

Imagine this. You are sitting in a 400 level class in your major and your professor tells the class that the student who answers his question will get extra credit on the next exam. This is the exam that last semester over half the students failed. The only catch to this extra credit is that the question is on a topic that you learned three years ago as a freshman so you barely remember it. However, this doesn't faze you at all because you have been taking handwritten notes on your Fujitsu tablet pc using OneNote since you received the tablet as a freshman. This means that you can access those notes from that class in a matter of seconds. This allows you to find the answer that the professor is looking for and receive that extra credit while everyone else is still staring into space. This scenario shows just one of the many ways that the tablet pc program here at Mines is beneficial to the students and to myself.

Besides having the ability to write notes on your laptop, the tablet pcs have made a tremendous impact on my learning because of the software that they allow access to. The software that is provided for students are the actual programs that they will be using in the professional world. An example of this is over the summer I had an internship with Vishay Dale and one of the reasons that I got that job was due to my knowledge of R Statistical Computing and SolidWorks. This knowledge was really only possible because of the tablet pc program. If I would have had to buy my own computer it would have been one of the cheapest ones that I could get away with. The computer probably wouldn't have been able to run the software's that are now crucial to my learning. This is a reason that it is nice to have these higher end laptops that are affordable to students so that we can run this software that we are going to be using in our professional life.

One of the biggest benefits of the tablets is the support that the students get through Tablet PC Central and ITS. It is a good feeling knowing that when I am working on a big project and my computer stops working that I can go to the basement of the library and get the support that I need for free so that I can finish my project. I can't even imagine if that had happened to me and I would have had to buy a new computer instead of just getting the help from Tablet PC Central. Students can focus on their school work instead of worrying about if their Mac Book or Dell is going to crash at any second and they won't be able to replace it. This is probably the biggest reason that the Tablet PC program is invaluable and beneficial to our school, myself, and future Hardrockers.

Sincerely,

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