My Huntsman Experience: Scott Laneri

Much like Jon M. Huntsman, the Huntsman School of Business itself is a giver. The term “giver” comes from Adam Grant’s book *Give and Take*, where he writes that there are three types of people in the world: takers, matchers, and givers. Takers are those who are always trying to get as much as possible from others. Matchers are those who, if they did you a favor, would expect one back (and vice versa). And then there are the givers — those who go out of their way to support and help you, with no strings attached.

I have to be careful when saying the Huntsman School supports and helps with no strings attached. I say this because I truly believe the administration, staff, and faculty give out of genuine concern for students. This is a distinguishing characteristic of a giver. The school gives to students so students can change the world.

The Huntsman School, however, does not give blindly. The school expects great things from its students. In fact, the school challenges us to “Dare Mighty Things”. I know that I, and hundreds of my fellow students, feel a tremendous amount of positive pressure to go into the world and perform well. We leave Logan with a desire to succeed and to make a good name for the Huntsman School. The school doesn’t need to make us sign contracts or use force to instill loyalty. We naturally feel gratitude to the school because it has given us so much. Through its giving, the school is creating an army of devoted students who will spend the rest of their lives paying forward what they have received. These are feats that only givers can accomplish.

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Now let me explain the kind of giving in which the school specializes. The school gives students opportunities, confidence, and skills to help us succeed in the real world. In my experience at the school, I have traveled to seven European countries, met with several renowned CEOs, kindled relationships with professors, gained valuable career skills, and created a network amongst my fellow Huntsman students that will benefit my career and personal life forever.

My experiences at the school have been exactly what I needed, and I confidently look forward to entering the real world. I will spend the rest of my life paying it forward and giving back so one day I, like the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, can be a true giver.