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		Degree Program <i>(i.e.-Chemistry)</i>	Environmental Science
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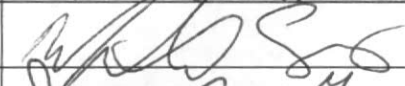
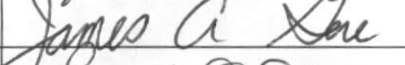
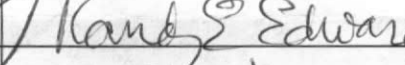

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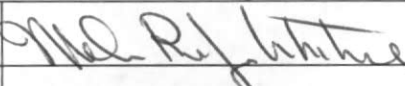
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