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For starters, I would like to thank the Canterburys for providing me with an opportunity to continue my athletic career with the money raised through the Canterbury Memorial Fund. Growing up in northeastern Pennsylvania, there was plenty of opportunity to experience the tough and amazing atmosphere of hockey. There were countless nights spent with my family watching the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins play, it was practically a ritual; every weekend we would go out to see a game, and I loved every minute of it. Seeing players like Jake Guentzel, Jean Sebastian-Dea, and Tom Kostopoulos lit the fire for the love I had for the game. I decided at 10 years old I would give hockey a try, and ever since then I have not looked back. For 5 years I began to develop as a player and athlete, gradually shifting from just having fun, to dreaming of playing collegiate hockey. My time in Pennsylvania was playing for the local travel teams as well as a junior varsity team. Then, I was offered to play in Massachusetts for the Springfield Pics in West Springfield, MA, and at 15 years old, my family decided it would be the right move for all of us to pack our things and move together to experience first hand what hockey in New England was all about. There were countless hardships in my career so far, but one thing I've always had was hockey, my love for the sport has never wavered. After 2 years spent in West Springfield and one year spent in Connecticut, in April of 2024 I met coach Scott Drevitch at the Walpole EHL combine. He told me flat out I had problems with my game, BUT he believed I can be a college hockey player and offered me all the right assets and tools used to better my development as hockey player. I decided that's all I needed to hear, I shortly signed with the Bridgewater Bandits and it has been great ever

since. I have greatly matured as a person and an athlete up until this point and I couldn't be more thankful for an opportunity to continue playing the game 10 year old me fell in love with.