**Finish the Transition from Student to Professional – Email template text for Section Leaders**

Dear <First Name>:

Thank you for being a student member of AIAA. I hope that you found your membership to be valuable to your transition into the aerospace industry. We value your contributions and look forward to supporting your career development. Today, I am writing to encourage you to [continue your AIAA membership](http://www.aiaa.org/studenttopro/) going forward.

As a professional AIAA member, you can **connect with over 30,000 aerospace officials, professionals, academics, and students**—who will help you in your career, just as I personally have been help over the course of my career in aerospace by the connections I made through my membership in AIAA.

In encourage you to explore the [AIAA Career Center](http://careercenter.aiaa.org/) to identify potential employers and apply for new positions. Reach out to me, and other section members who are practicing in your field, near you—or become a mentor yourself to an AIAA student member. Explore the vast amount of research available on [Aerospace Research Central (ARC).](http://arc.aiaa.org/search) Present and publish your work at any of our [five forums](http://www.aiaa.org/Forums/).

Our section takes great pride in your professional successes. I personally would like to welcome you as a professional member and connect with you at a future event. Join us at <Insert event name if your section has an upcoming event>.

I look forward to *shaping the future of aerospace* with you!

Sincerely,

<Your name>

<Name of Section>

<Phone number>

<Email address>

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