riease read this statement carefully defore you sign it:::

Responsibilities during 17-Month OPT			
Name:	Student ID:Date of Birth:		
Addres	ss:		
I confirm that I have been informed by International Student Services (ISS) of my responsibilities for maintaining F-1 status during my OPT extension. I must comply with the following:			
 USCIS must receive my OPT application within 30 days after my OPT I-20 is issued 			

- Check my name and OPT dates when I receive OPT receipt, approval notice and EAD card. If error occurs, contact ISS immediately
- I have the ability to monitor my OPT application case status at: https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/caseStatusSearchDisplay.do
- I must work a minimum of 20 hours per week
- I must report any changes to my employment within 10 days when it occurs through Forms Library under MyUB at www.bridgeport.edu
- I can work up to 180 days while my OPT extension is pending with USCIS if my OPT application is properly filed
- ALL my jobs must be DIRECTLY to my major; I can work for multiple employers but they ALL MUST BE E-verify employers. Examples for work:
 - ➤ Work for hire
 - > Self-employed business owner
 - > Employment through an agency or consulting firm
- If I wish to change employment while my OPT extension application is **PENDING**, I must first contact a DSO at ISS
- Within 10 days, notify ISS the following changes:
 - > Name
 - > Telephone number
 - > Residential and mailing addresses
 - > I will also contact USCIS by calling the number of National Customer Service as listed on my OPT receipt or by going to the USCIS website: https://egov.uscis.gov/crisgwi/go?action=coa if my OPT is pending
- I CANNOT be without work for more than 120 days during the entire OPT period of 29 months (12-month post-completion OPT + 17-month OPT extension)
- I understand that the following reasons could lead to my OPT termination or cancellation:
 - > I transfer to another school or begin study at another educational level
 - > I change my non-immigrant status to another category and the start date is in effect
- During 17-month OPT extension, I must make a VALIDATION REPORT to ISS every six months:
 - ➤ The reporting must be done from the date the extension begins and ending when my F-1 status ends
 - > Report by going to MyUB at www.bridgeport.edu by filling out the OPT Employment Information Form under Forms Library
 - Report within 10 days of every 6 months
 - > If I fail to report, my SEVIS record may be automatically terminated by USCIS
- Traveling outside the U.S. for 5 months or more will lead to violation of my F-1 status and cancellation of my OPT. I need the following to travel outside the U.S. during OPT:
 - > Travel signature endorsed by an International Student Advisor within the last six months
 - ➤ Valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD card)
 - ➤ Valid F-1 visa and passport
 - ➤ Proof of employment (letter of permission for travel from employer)
 - If my 12-month OPT has expired and my OPT extension is pending. I cannot travel outside the U.S.

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Signature:		Date: