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Through the seventeen years of my existence, many things had happened and many obstacles had been overcome resulting in the formation of the person I have transformed to be. I see myself as very outgoing and talkative. However, when I open my mouth and speak my mind others may not like what I have to say simply due to the fact that I’m brutally honest at times. I don’t believe in the term “beating around the bush.” One beats around the bush when they have something to say but don’t know how to say it. Instead, they make statements leading to the topic without actually mentioning it. There’s no point in doing this, just say what you need to say.

I grew up in a household that wasn’t so wealthy nor at the poverty level, yet I would not say that we live the life of a middle class family neither. Money was always the main problem. Bills needed to get paid and more important things had to be bought. Therefore it was impossible for me to get what I wanted. I think that’s the reason why I buy a lot of things for myself now that I have a job. I’ve been deprived from this throughout my whole childhood and now when I have a chance to do things for myself, I won’t miss it.

With both of my parents not finishing high school, it affected them enormously. They couldn’t speak English well which put a barrier between them and the world. Language is everything and to not obtain it is a very difficult thing. Jobs are also hard to find without having a high education or even a high school diploma. I look up to them as my inspirations, in a sense of encouragement to do better. They make me more determine to want to be somebody and do something with my life. I refuse to end up like them and to live a life of struggles. Every day I’m reminded by mom to do well in school and push for good grades so I can have a better life than they did. Not only is this sad to hear but motivational.

My goals in life are pretty simple. I’m a go-getter and don’t care for being famous, or picking a career just because the salary is high. I can careless about all of this. As long as I’m doing something I love and enjoy waking up to, I’m satisfied. At this moment, I’m looking forward to graduating high school and going straight into college for my Biology major. When I do obtain this, I will move forward into the field of Biomedics. I know the road will definitely not be easy but I’m willing to work because I know what it’s like to live a life without a proper education.

My personal interests might not be similar to much of others, but for them most part, different is a good thing. I love being physically active and just productive in general, which leads into why I play sports. Throughout my high school years, I have played Volleyball, Basketball and Softball. Others might consider this too much but you either go hard or you go home. Of course somewhere along the road this brought difficulty upon me. It just shows that there will be bigger barricades in the way of my success, and I need to learn how to get over them. With having played three sports since my freshman year of high school, it shaped me into becoming the outgoing person I am. Art is another thing that catches my interest. A quote that I absolutely love and agree with goes like this, “The earth without art is just eh.” This is completely true for art is the most beautiful thing. Everything from flowers to buildings is art. I don’t only express myself through being physically active because a pencil and paper portrays me just as good. Drawing is something I see as my distraction from the world that we live in. Whenever I’m in my zone, I can sit there and draw for hours without getting bored. It helps relax me when I’m mentally tense.

I have chosen to take AP Psychology because of what the class is in general. The human mind is a very interesting topic because we do not know what exactly is going on in one’s mind at all times. I want to know the reason why I act and think the way I do, as well as what goes on in the minds of people like murders when they’re committing this horrible act. I never understood the thinking process of other people and why they do the dumbest things. I have always thought that my thinking was beyond different than the one of others’. I see things in a very different way, yet everyone is supposed to.

I expect to get life-long knowledge from this class and be able to understand people’s thinking and actions. I could have easily taken a G1 level of Psychology but it wouldn’t go more into depth then AP Psychology. I’m aware that a lot of work will be given and that AP classes move on a fast pace. I’m ready and up for the challenge.