



It is very difficult to find a way to start a personal narrative when I rarely take the time to look at my accomplishments thus far. It is difficult to break away from humble roots in order to talk about myself in any way. In 17 years I have managed to succeed in things I never believed I could achieve from playing basketball to achieving a rank I never fathomed would be possible.

When it comes down to academics I am full on dedicated to my studies, but I cannot lie, it wasn't always this way. Like any other incoming freshmen I believed high school was the place to gain life experience by having a goodtime. In being a senior here at Americas High School I finally understand that grades are your golden ticket out of here. Coming into my junior year I had decided to challenge myself in taking the TSI exam which determines if you qualify for college courses. In passing the exam to qualify for the Dual Credit program I am proud to announce that I will be graduating high school with 18 hours of college credit.

One quality that was instilled in me at an early age was to do all I can to help others if I am capable of doing so; in short I was taught to be the voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. It is for this reason that I joined numerous clubs around campus so that I could spread myself to help not only students around campus, but they provided me opportunities to give my time to give back to the community and people in need. Some of the major organizations I am involved in include DECA, AVID, and the National Honor Society. DECA is a marketing program that teaches young adults the basics in generating a business or promoting one. AVID is a college readiness program that strives to give students the essential skills needed in order to survive college, such as organization, prioritizing, speech skills, and etc... Lastly the National Honor Society is a prestige organization that honors those individuals that excel in your academics. It also helps build up community service hours.

I have been privileged enough to be the recipient of a few honors while in high school, which to some might not be a big deal but has made me feel very fortunate. These honors have included the Triple A Award for AVID here at Americas high school, as well as all academic for basketball. These awards are representations of the hard work and dedication I have put into these organizations. In receiving them it does not mean that I have reached my goal it only pushes me to keep striving for nothing less than excellence.

There is no doubt in my mind that those who apply may have much more experience, and accolades than what I have listed. For me my life is not based on what I have received or have been awarded, but being privileged enough to be a positive role model and give my time back to others. In all honesty I would rather base my life on the good things that I can do for my community and to make my parents name live on in honor, than to be judged and live life based on awards and accomplishments I receive for doing what is required to be a productive member of society.

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