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I am currently an undergraduate sophomore at San Jose State University- majoring in Journalism with an emphasis on Radio and Television Broadcasting. One day, I hope to work at a Bay Area news station as a field reporter or anchor. I am aware that the field of journalism is entirely competitive and also never stops. However, I am eager and willing to take the necessary steps to reach my goal. I understand that time management, persistence, advanced technological skills, and knowledge of history and current events are crucial for success in the field of journalism.

I have enjoyed writing and speaking before an audience since I was in Junior High School and since then have remained very keen on fulfilling this goal of mine. I was the student speaker at my 8th grade graduation and I've competed in various essay-writing competitions throughout high school. For the last four years, I've worked at an office that specializes in immigration cases, which required me to type numerous affidavits and help families file imperative forms for the completion of their case.

I am currently an active member of the Co-ed National Service Fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, at San Jose State. I've participated in dozens of community service projects that all required interaction with people of different backgrounds including special needs children and adults, homeless citizens, AIDS patients, and senior citizens. Through the experience of volunteering I've learned how to quickly acclimate myself to different temperaments, as well as the complete importance of organization.

Just recently, I became a member of the Service Committee in my fraternity. This job requires me to research local service projects in need of volunteers, contact the people in charge of those projects, write creative descriptions of what the project coordinator is asking of the fraternity, and encourage my fellow brothers to participate. Every service project presents me with an opportunity to test and showcase my passion for this particular area of study.

My future plans include graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism and continuing on to Columbia for my Masters degree.