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I am an undergraduate Open University student majoring in Journalism. I am also attending West Valley College, where I am completing the final credits needed to get my AA in Liberal Arts this semester. I will be attending SJSU next semester as a full time student. My career goal is to be a sports writer or broadcaster. In a perfect world I would love to cover the San Francisco Giants, because sports has always been a passion of mine and I would like to believe that it's a great stepping stone for me in life, although realistically, I'm open to all possibilities in journalism.

For a period of time, I my focus was on someday getting my bachelors' in History (particularly US History). But what I found out after taking a 'Career and Lifestyles' Counseling class at West Valley College, was that I was never fully motivated and left wondering, "What will I do after school?" Since the idea of Journalism came about around year ago, I feel as though a great weight was lifted off my shoulders. It's given me something to focus on and push me through my journey in the real world. Yet, not only has this career choice given me something to look forward towards after college, but the basic lessons along the way have already shown me that I must prepare myself for what is thrown my way, the expected and unexpected, as well as, being aware of the events that not only happen around me but also nationally and beyond.

The motivation that journalism has provided me made me realize I must be prepared and means gaining experience in any way, shape, or form. Last year, while attending West Valley College, my News Media teacher approached me and suggested that I look into joining the school paper and try working on some skills that would allow me to succeed later on. I took on this opportunity last semester and it proved to quite helpful as I experience the difficulties of gathering resources of all forms and taking on a new style of writing. As a staff, we all gained experience that will go on farther than we will ever know. Now I look for all opportunities that are out there and hope find a possible internship to continue gaining experience.