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I am an undergraduate sophomore majoring in Journalism. My goal is to have a long career as the lead play-by-play broadcaster on television or radio for a professional sports team, hopefully in Major League Baseball. I would also like the opportunity to have some national exposure in broadcasting. I understand that this is a very demanding job and that only the best in the business are able to achieve this. I know that the first step in achieving this goal will be to graduate from San Jose State University. An entry level position in broadcasting at a studio will be the next step. Working as a play-by-play man for a lower level professional or college team to help me develop my game preparation skills, gain a solid grasp of the English language and the learn the ability to describe the action precisely will give me the experience needed to reach my goal.

My career path has been focused on journalism, especially in sports, since I took a job a sports reporter for the Siskiyou Daily News my sophomore year in high school. For three years I covered football, volleyball, boy's and girl's basketball, softball and baseball by writing game stories with stats and highlights of the action as well as quotes from the coaches and game's stars. I also provided pictures of the action that I took to go along with my stories. Because it is a daily paper, I had deadlines that had to be met by submitting my articles overnight to my editor. I developed the trust of my editor and was given the opportunity to write feature stories and season previews in my last two years. In my third year, I was given the honor to cover the College of the Siskiyou's Hall of Fame induction ceremony and Siskiyou County High School Sports Player of the Year banquet.

I have always been an excellent public speaker, winning many awards for my leadership and communication skills while involved in the Future Farmers of America Organization as a member of the Parliamentary Procedure team and the local chapter officer team. During my senior year of high school, I was the president of my local chapter. I currently volunteer as a crew member for Update News at SJSU, gaining experience in broadcasting by observing from behind the scenes.