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I am an undergraduate sophomore at San Jose State University majoring in Journalism. Ever since I was in middle school, I had aspirations of announcing games for the San Francisco Giants. Over time, I have come to realize that a dream as steep as that is unrealistic – but that hasn't stopped me from becoming a journalist, or destroying my hope for being a sports journalist. I have also come to realize, and am content with, the fact that my future may not even involve sports. I'm prepared for any direction my major takes me, and will adjust accordingly.

I have some experience in the field, having written for a local high school sports website: SectionSports.com. The website isn't very well-known, but I did get paid for my services. That was before I took journalism classes at SJSU, and I've learned many things since then.

At Saint Lawrence Academy, my knowledge of the world around me was limited to ESPN, admittedly. However, once I arrived at San Jose State, that habit changed drastically. Though I still keep sports close to my heart, I realized that there are more important things in the world than just sports.

Although much of my attention in high school was committed to the baseball team that I played for, I did much more than be a jock. I gladly participated in Saint Lawrence's homestay program with Junshin High School in Nagasaki Japan. I hosted two students at separate times, and I went to Nagasaki four years ago. It was an unforgettable experience for me and my host family. The experience helped me communicate with many different kinds of people.

I became such a big part of their program that I volunteered myself to become President of SLA's Japan Homestay Club, which was committed to organizing all of the Junshin girls' events during their two-week stay overseas. When I joined the club, it was brand-new; and as of today, it is still going strong.