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The inspiration, passion and dedication will lead you to your greatest dreams as long as you don't let them go.

While most seniors in high school were trying to figure out what they wanted to do for the rest of their lives, I just knew. Maybe the thought of being Vanna White as a child or watching Superman and thinking Louis Lane had the coolest job. Or what about job day in sixth grade where a report explained what she did as a reporter. The glam of Vanna White, the excitement and thrill to catch a story on Superman, and the ability to inform the world with life changing stories all triggered my passion to be a broadcast reporter.

A senior at San Jose State University, I am the first person in my entire family to go to college and be completing school with a Bachelor's degree. Raised by a single mother, I feel grateful to be given an opportunity to receive this education. Though my mother couldn't help pay for my college education, the determination has motivated me in becoming a successful reporter. Understanding the hardships I went through I feel it's my obligation to prepare my younger brother and cousins for the opportunity to become happy and successful.

Lectures and exams don't necessarily prepare a student to become the best reporter. So in spring 2007, I joined Update News at San Jose State. I learned how to get a story and put it together for a Friday show. Wow, is there more to that. This past summer I interned at Fox 10 News in Mobile, Alabama. Fox 10 News rated number one in its area covers the gulf coast from Biloxi, MI to Pensacola, Fl. From the first day interning I was out with a reporter getting a story. Life for a reporter is usually fast, fast, and oh my gosh, it's almost 5 o'clock.

While I was interning I learned to create VOSOT at a faster pace, get stand-ups done in one or two shots, understanding the real purpose of stand-ups, and how to handle residents during emotional issues. Without this intern I would be completely lost entering the life as a reporter right out of college.

Now that the end of my college life is only months away I'm excited of the opportunities and challenges I will experience. Getting to this part of life took a lot of beating, but it allows us to be a better person and better prepared for whatever lies ahead. Always wanting to be an advocate for third-world countries I'm hoping to use my skills, voice, and knowledge to help create an effect for those who need one in this world. Because of my Mexican decent I especially feel that many Latin countries need a voice to help create a difference. I am that voice. I believe everyone deserves to have a voice and there are many stories out there that still haven't been told. I do believe my drive and stimulation of being a successful reporter will show through the cameras. I'm ready to show the world.