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Major: Journalism and Sociology
Year: Junior

Growing up in Oakland, California, I have been exposed to many of the challenges and disparities individuals face on a daily basis. I grew up watching local news stations to stay informed and up to date with what was happening around me and throughout the world. In high school I initially wanted to become a counselor or spokeswoman, but knew that in the end I wanted to inform others in and successful way. Prior to graduating from high school in 2003, I knew I wanted to attend college; and the thought of being the first in my family in over twelve years to graduate from a University created a greater sense of self determination and eagerness.

I attended both Diablo Valley and Merritt College as a Journalism student. At the time I did not know which angle of Journalism I wanted to focus on, but I knew I wanted to be apart of the rapidly changing field. At times I would find myself imitating news anchors or reporters, creating my own stories based on the issues that took place around my community. I completed a wide variety of classes at both colleges and a few included broadcasting and mass communication courses. While there I also wrote for the campus newspaper and appeared bi-weekly on Peralta T.V. NewsCentre as an anchor for news updates and Public Service Announcements.

In 2006, after researching and visiting the campus I chose to transfer to San Jose State University majoring in Journalism with a minor in Sociology. I quickly became attracted to the atmosphere on campus, the programs offered and more specifically the highly rated and well developed Mass Communications department. I have thus far learned the significance of hands on experience, networking, expanding my knowledge and the importance of deadlines. Recently, I decided to double major in Journalism and Sociology as I became highly interested in the education system and the sociological aspects that effect student's academic advancements and educational experience as a whole. I currently work as a tutor

and database support member for a non profit organization in the bay area. Since I transferred to San Jose State University, I have completed a large range of Journalism, Mass Communications and Sociology classes; many of which have prepared and will prepare me with the appropriate skills needed in hopes of becoming a future news anchor and possible educator.