A person sitting on a ledge in front of a large building

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceHi! My name is Joshua Valentino. I go by Josh, please don’t call me Joshua or I will cry. My pronouns are he/him. I am a computer science major, graduating this year in the spring. My career plans are a bit fuzzy, but in general I am aiming to work in the computer science field. My two top interests are in web development and teaching. I think it would be awesome to be a college professor. I am in CSC 4500 because it is a degree requirement, but I am excited to learn about database design! As far as non-career related goals my personal life has sort of taken a back seat so I can focus on graduating and getting a job. In the spare time I spend it working out, playing basketball, or shooting photography. My main goal recently has been improving my dunk. I can barely dunk on a ten foot rim and I would like to be Michael Jordan by the end of the year haha. Not the most realistic goal, but it’s a goal nonetheless. I am not a part of any organizations through AU, but my photography was featured in the AU magazine last year. I had two photos posted, one of which happened to be the very first of the magazine! Here is the link if you wanted to view: <https://www.auelysianmagazine.com/gallery>.

Other things about me:

I am originally from North Riverside, Illinois. I went to Riverside-Brookfield High School, one of the worst schools on planet Earth, but I survived and went to community college at College of DuPage for 3 years before transferring to Aurora University last year. I had also spent a semester of community college spent abroad in Sevilla, Spain. It was truly the best three months of my entire life and the only reason I am still grinding out school is to eventually get back to Sevilla and possibly live the rest of my life there. I have a lot of interests and hobbies, but mostly I just stick to working out and school. I am not close with my family, I personally think my great grandfather made a huge mistake moving from Italy to the USA. This country is not my cup of tea and I wish my Italian heritage was taken more seriously, but sadly when you come to the melting pot country, your heritage tends to, well, melt. I do not have any pets, but I really want a cat. I don’t think I have the facilities for that considering I’m loaded with student debt and am grinding to get a good paying job so I don’t really have the funds or time to get a cat sadly, but one day I will! I watch an unhealthy amount of Netflix, Hulu, and YouTube. I mainly watch anime, but I also watch a large variety of other shows. I am a huge music lover, I enjoy almost every genre, but my all-time favorite is rap. I love rap especially because it is such a broad genre. My favorite drink is water, but my favorite alcoholic drink I think is amoretto sour, which I just discovered two days ago at the Hollywood casino. My dream job as a kid was to be rich. I’ve never had any professional passions, I have always just seen money. My biggest inspiration is money to be honest. Money is the motivator and I live by that. I don’t really look up to anyone or anything, I am just grinding for me so I can live a happy, healthy life. I picked Aurora University because I was at College of DuPage and I had to pick a college and so I just googled colleges and randomly picked AU. At CoD their counselors were horrendous so I didn’t have any guidance, but I am very happy with AU! I got lucky because my counselor here is the best person ever! She has helped me every step of the way here and I’m super excited for my final year!