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To: Professor Machoian

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Subject: Chapter 1 Assignment

1. **Your reasons for taking this class**

My reason for taking this course is more than just to fulfill my major credits. I believe this course can help me become a better communicator and more coherent in my speech. It is known that people who have excellent communication skills are highly valued than people who do not. That is because in any business environment communication among peers can make doing work more productive. I aspire to join the fire service and my communication skills will greatly benefit me in a leadership role in that career.

1. **Your career goals (both temporary and long-term)**

After completing my undergraduate I plan on going to get my license to become an Emergency Medical Technician. With this I can continue onto my journey to receive my Paramedic with the hopes of becoming a fireman. I plan on working for a big city such as Los Angeles, San Diego, or San Francisco. What inspired me to join the fire service was my father, for more than 20 years he was a Fireman and eventually worked his way up to the Chief position. Hearing my father’s stories about fighting fires and saving lives really motivated me to walk onto his footsteps. My long-term goals are much different than my short term, I plan on saving a lot of my income to invest in real estate, stocks, and businesses. God willing, I can create enough passive income to live comfortably and travel the world.

1. **A brief description of your employment, if any, and your favorite activities**

Currently I am on scholarship for baseball here at Fresno State. Over the summer, I worked with my father doing landscaping and manual labor work. I learned a lot about installing stone driveways, tile floors, and house siding. Right now, there is no report date for student athletes to return to campus so in the meantime I am also learning plumbing. Some of my favorite activities include hiking, fishing, and camping. I once took a two-week fishing trip down to Baja California stopping to camp at almost every beach.

1. **An assessment and discussion of your current communication skills, including your strengths and weaknesses**

My communication skills are mediocre at best, from my previous experiences in communications I notice that I lack necessary skills to succeed in a public speaking environment. I struggle a lot with my coherency and I often ramble in my topic during speeches. Although I have these flaws in my communication skills, my strength is that I speak with confidence. Speaking with confidence really helped me get through my communication courses because even though the content of the speech may be subpar, I often keep my audience’s attention with the strong tone.