**What do you want to learn in this class and what are you most excited to learn about?**

I really want to build skills in all data analytics generally to make me more competitive in the job market. For the past four years, I have been studying at Thomas Aquinas College. Although it was a fantastic experience and their education was great, it sometimes felt like I was in the stone age with their ban on use of smart phones and the lack of Wi-Fi. I think this course will help me get up to speed. More specifically though, I am really hoping to get better at Excel. I have a little experience in the past with excel (just doing some accounting for a dorm store I co-owned) but I am excepting to learn all the hidden secrets that I never knew about. I am especially excited to learn python since I have never coded before. I am a little nervous about it, but it cannot be any worse than the two years of Latin I took… I am extremely excited to learn machine learning since AI has always been fascinating to me even if I don’t end up using it in my career. My younger brother has always been better at tech than me, so I am exited to showoff at the end of the course.

**How will the skills you learn in this class help in your career?**

I am hoping to pursue a career in Economics, and I intend sometime in 2022 to get my master’s in economics. Currently I am doing an internship with Agis Capitol with the title of Economic Research Assistant. I use excel a lot for imputing data so I think getting better at that will make me more efficient. Also, using coding to extract data rather than manually typing it in will help me a lot! Overall, I think being skilled in data analytic will give me a leg up going into Econ against the competition and allow me to manage data more effectively.