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Scholarship Autobiography

I was born and raised in Fresno, California. Growing up, I was never the most social person in class, but I was one of the smartest. I loved learning new things wherever I went, but I was also the shyest and least outgoing out of most people around me. Through one way or another, I developed an interest in using technology. Whether it was using the computer or playing video games, I enjoyed using technology. When I saw a presentation of my school's robotics team during one lunch, I was instantly hooked. I was ready to join the team next year. I continued participating in multiple robotics teams up until my senior year. While I enjoyed being a part of a team that did a lot, it covered too many topics that I had little interest in. Over the years, my interest became more focused on software. I decided to focus this interest my senior year and continue to do so now. My interest in technology eventually led me to learn about a school called the Center for Advanced Research and Technology, or CART for short. It is a school that focuses teaching skills and thinking that is tailored for specific career areas, such as biology, media, and engineering. I spent my eleventh grade in the Robotics and Electronics class. It was in that class I made that observation of how much robotics encompassed. I decided to choose the Web Development class next year. During my earlier years, my parents and teachers fostered a love of reading in me. Whenever I had free time, I was usually reading a book. There was even an instance where I got in trouble for reading when I had work to do in class. I read everything from science fiction, to mysteries, and especially finding a love for fantasy novels. It is hard to choose a favorite book, but my favorite book series are *Harry Potter* and *The Inheritance Cycle*. This love of fantasy eventually developed into an interest in Dungeons and Dragons in recent years. I also started a love of video games at a young age when my cousin introduced them to me. I preferred watching him play as I was never good at a young age. As I got older, I tried all kinds of genres and enjoyed playing almost anything. I've met many friends and bonded through these games with family. While I may enjoy playing games by myself, there is something special about playing video games with a close friend and having fun together. I spent my life learning what I can and enjoying the small pleasures. Technology has been there for both learning and fun and I plan to further this love into a career.