

PlayStation 1, PlayStation 2, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, GameCube, Sega Genesis, PSP, Nintendo DS, X-Box, and an X-Box 360, I have owned them all. Growing up as a kid in Quincy, Florida there was not much to do. Not to say it is a bad place, it is a great city to raise a family, however there was not much but an old court house, ballet studio, recreational center, and dirt roads. Sure you could go outside and hangout, in fact I was a very active kid, I enjoyed playing sports and riding off-road vehicles, but for me that was not enough to fuel my motivation.

On my fourth birthday I received my first game system; a PlayStation 1. Ever since I touched the controller I could never put it down. Every time I put a controller in my hands it felt like I was stepping into a completely different world. It felt as if I had escaped reality, the world I live in just melted away. Every birthday and every holiday that involves gifts, I obtained another game for my game system. As I grew, the game systems began to change and evolve. The system developers began to produce graphics that looked as real as you and me. The storylines in the games can have you lost in these fantasy worlds, and cause you to feel for the characters and their lives as if you knew them. The system themselves can do endless things now, like surf the web, stream movies, and even put you in the game. As the systems changed and adapted to the consumers taste, my interest in these system grew a great deal. The older I got I began to develop a fascination with wanting to create video games, so with every game I play I study and take notes, so that when it is time to make one, I have ideas on what I would like to see in my games and what I think people would like to see.

Creativeness is one of my many traits, but it is one of the ones that really stick out when you describe me. I carry my visions with me when I go place, there in my two sketch books, in which I am close to finishing. When I see something I like or if something that comes to mind I must express it on a surface, if it is paper or even a drive way. Drawing allows me to express my feelings and desires in an artistic way, but I'm not just creative in an artistic way, I am also creative when it comes to coming up with ideas, ways of cheering people up, cloths, and writing. Ideas come to me from everything; television, movies, nature, news, and especially video games. I will not say I am the most passionate person, but I hate seeing people in general sad, upset, or angry, so I come up with creative ways to cheer them up, because you never know, that one joke or smile can make someone's day. Being a Leo, they say we "like to dress to impress", for me that is completely true, for me at least. Mixing and creating new outfits makes me feel good about myself, I want people to know I care about how I portray myself, even if it is just gym attire, because I like to be presentable to people. My favorite books to read are Goosebumps; I enjoy the suspense and horror. Since I have been reading them I have been coming up with ideas for my own stories, but I have yet to put them on paper.

After reaching my junior year of high school I realized that in order to achieve my goal as a game designer I will have to be not only creative, but determined to do everything it takes to reach my dream career. Thinking back to my freshman and sophomore year of high school, I had never really applied myself, and would be close to failing courses, especially math. When I reached my junior year I had decided to focus on my work and nothing else, I began to really try hard on my homework and

classwork. I would listen to my teachers' lectures and take notes. My grades began to grow significantly from my hard work. By the end of both semesters I had finished school with all a's and b's, no c's, d's, or f's, I refused to settle for less and ended up with the best grades I could ask for. I even received an academic excellence award in both math and literature.

Everything that I have done and experienced in my life from my fourth birthday to now has prepared me for my future. My friends, morals, proprieties, and how I dress reflect the person I am today. I will continue to pursue my dreams as a game designer in hopes that one day I will make my dream come true.