Why I chose to major in game design

Video games has been on of the reliable pillars of comfort and invigoration throughout my life that I have always been able to lean on. As a kid, I always looked forward to playing them whenever I got the chance. Growing up, I found that no matter what the circumstances were, I could always turn to video games when I needed to entertain myself, mentally refresh myself, or just escape from what was going on around me at the time. Video games have shaped me into the person I am today, and my dream is to hopefully give that gift to someone else one day.

Playing video games was one of my favorite activities as a kid, because they were something that could always test my skills against, whether it be a puzzle or a test of my reaction speed, video games constantly made me want to improve my cognitive abilities. This Is the way video games are designed, to constantly find new ways to engage the user, and constantly pit them against new enemies and challenges. This was especially helpful, because at a young age, math-based video games helped me to be especially good at math, which I am still thankful for today.

Video games were something I could always turn to when I needed entertainment, a mental refresher, or even an escape. Its not hard to see that video games are entertaining, but I also use video games to mentally refresh myself. Whether I’m studying or doing homework, occasionally, I like to take a break and enjoy a quick game, so my mind doesn’t get into a monotonous mindset whilst performing these tasks, this way my mind is constantly in a critical thinking mood, and I’m “kept on my toes” mentally.

Lastly, video games served as an escape for me growing up. As a witness to domestic violence, and many other things a child shouldn’t have to see growing up, video games helped to distract me, just momentarily from the things that were going on around me as a child. I am thankful for this, because we all need something to physically assist us when we experience something, we are not mentally prepared us, and video games served me in that capacity all too well.

For all these reasons and more I decided that I want to be a part of the video game creation process. I want to give someone the gift that has helped me get this far in life, and hopefully one day, help someone, at least one person, get through whatever they may be going through, and enjoy life just that much more.