

# Autobiography Insights

## Ancestors:

- my mom and dad worked very hard throughout their lives
- my dad works very hard to be a good father and to support me and my brother in my endeavors

## Elementary School:

- realized competitive swimming was not a good sport for me (even though I was naturally good at it, I did not enjoy it)
- being able to have friends in kindergarten who I am still good friends know shows me I value long lasting friendships
- playing competitive soccer in 4<sup>th</sup> grade was life changing for me, still play it today in college

## Middle School:

- going to an all girls middle school helped me become more confident
- having to make new friends all over again helped me gain new social skills
- starting business in 7<sup>th</sup> grade made me want to go into business world
- going to a more competitive soccer team in 6<sup>th</sup> grade helped me develop into a even better soccer player, taught me that hard work and dedication pay off
- mother's death after 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation was difficult for me, had to get through it emotionally and physically

## High School:

- working hard to get good grades taught me value of hard work and dedication
- playing on a competitive team without my usual friends was hard, but showed me that sometimes that you have to give up some things to attain others
- when my dad met another woman and we merged out families that was challenging
- doing journalism and soccer in high school was time consuming, but it allowed me to do both my creative and athletic talents
- college decision process: I was very determined to find the right college for me and I applied to 18 different schools,

## College:

- went to a school that was not well known, a potential risk but I took it
- all the way on the east coast, only see my family and friends about three times in the school year, but that makes me more independent
- being able to play college level soccer provides me support from the 23 other girls on my team
- majoring in psychology shows my passion for things that interest me, minoring in business shows that I am still practical as well

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In general:

- I am a social person
  - o For example, making friends in kindergarten who I am still friends with now, having to make new friends in middle school, reconnect with old friends in high school and completely new friends in college shows that I am good at making friends and establishing relationships
- I am a hard worker:
  - o School, athletics, journalism has shown me this
- I am passionate:
  - o About my family, friends, soccer, and school
  - o But I chose what to be passionate about
- I am good at having a balanced life
  - o Between athletics (physical well being), friends and family (emotional well being) and school (mental well being)