Deciding a what to do in life can be a daunting task to some. Sometimes people choose a career out excitement about going to college. Without knowing what they are getting themselves into. This usually happens because of lack of proper guidance and research on different career paths. This essay will focus on the commencement of my college career: what I’m excited about, goals, challenges and pressure anticipated, how to address challenges anticipated and action plan to achieving goals.

Choosing a career for me was not challenging. Before making a final decision, I did a lot of research on what career path to take. To be honest, I’m very excited to begin my Computer Programming college career because of the following reasons. Firstly, People have always tried to discourage me, by saying that computer programming is a very hard career for me. However, I’m looking forward to proving to them that being challenging, does not mean that it is not doable. Furthermore, I like to learn new stuff, so beyond just getting a job related to computer programming. I’m also looking forward to learning some new technologies. While pursing my career some of my goals are to get as many scholarships as possible. And maintain 4.0 GPA throughout my career.

Just like any other project, Challenges are inevitable. No matter how well you plan, your project can always encounter unexpected problems. Identifying challenges to anticipate, is first step to overcoming them. As I begin my career, I’m nervous about Covid. It makes it difficult to plan ahead of time because it is unpredictable. Variants keep on popping up, policies keep on changing and the possibility of getting sick on the way is high. Furthermore, Covid will probably affect some school in person activities. For example, in person group work. As a result, most of the group projects will be done online. However, despite having a bunch of technologies that facilitate online collaboration. Keeping group members engaged online is more challenging unlike in person.

In this career journey, I expect pressure from three types of people: Parents, Friends and Teachers. From friends, I expect them to try to hangout outside class hours. Due to pandemic, I always try to avoid hanging out unless necessary. Unfortunately, I know some people will take it as if I don’t want to hangout with them. From the Teachers, the pressure that I anticipate is doing all assignments on time while working full time job at same time. However, that is not a big deal because I have just realized the importance of prioritizing tasks. Lastly, the pressure that I’m anticipating from parents is the same that I’m anticipating from myself. Which is making sure that I maintain good grades every semester and get a scholarship.

A goal on its own is useless without a solid plan on how to accomplish it. Setting goals help us take a step back and get some perspective on what’s important in life. It’s the first step toward creating a life full of meaning. To achieve my goals mentioned above, I plan to do more learning outside the classroom. Learning outside the classroom is the use of places other than the school for teaching and learning. In 2016, School Travel Forum conducted an independent research study to find out how learning outside the classroom impacts the development of students. They found 60% of teachers noticed an increase in students’ confidence, resilience, and wellbeing after participating in activities outside school. And 61% of students achieved higher than their predicted grade. Based on the research, I have come to realize that teachers can’t teach you everything in class. If you want to be successful, you must do a lot of research outside school hours.

In conclusion, a plan on how to addresses challenges anticipated is very important unlike just identifying them. To overcome the challenges mentioned above, I plan to take covid health protocols very serious throughout the semester.