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### Personal Statement

People need purpose, even if they do not realize it at the time. Too long have I struggled to feel like I was bringing anything useful to the table, even to satisfy my own self-perception of success. But I have come to acknowledge the importance of technology in everyone's daily lives. I have also come to understand that behind the scenes, the founding pillars of every web experience—whether someone is clicking on a YouTube video, clicking on a drop-menu on a header, to the entire layout and design of a website, even to the information displayed and how it got there.

My motivation has been driven by the pure fascination with even the smallest of functions or design on a website that had to be created and coded by someone working in the shadows of a business, and just how overlooked and taken for granted all that work is. If the developers in the shadows did not exist, I believe then we would finally realize the impact they have on our online experience. Wanting to be that coder in the shadows, someone who is not in the hot seat for everyone to see but at the same time is still the backbone for the company—that is my motivation for wanting to become a front-end web developer.

My first semester in college was a train-wreck. But I still had not grasped the reality of having to actually do something with my life. After figuring that out, I have been working towards gaining the needed experience for the field of work of a frontend web developer. With that being said, there is a lot of experience and skills to be acquired to even have a chance in such a competitive field of work. I am currently working through an online program that teaches me everything about the frontend, to the languages used and how to use them. So, I have been able to create multiple websites and portfolios using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

Through my degree at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, I have been taught best practice when it comes to the UI and UX of a website, which includes how a website looks and appeals to a user, as well as how to keep customers interested and coming back to your website or app. Along with the design skills, I have also been taught ontologically, as well as what it means to be on the court when it comes to working on what I am passionate about. Being taught this way has boosted my confidence in my professionalism, my business/casual communication, and working with and leading a team. With these skills and experience, it better prepares me for when I become a front-end developer.

My goal is to become a front-end web developer—along the way, UCCS, outside programs, and professors have prepared me to achieve that goal. Not only does this give me a firm belief in

what I am doing has given me an actual purpose for once, but I am also excited about the journey ahead and the opportunity I have to code and work with companies and the community to improve everyone's experiences online.