**Community Statement**

As I was growing up, I was a very sheltered child, homeschooled almost all my life. I believed the world was a happy place, where everyone got along, and people could move past other’s mistakes. After coming out to college, I learned that the world was not as bright as I thought, instead, it was rather sad and depressing. People do some crazy stuff, and the world is filled with darkness and sadness. I intend to change that and bring happiness to people.

In my younger days, I was inspired into the field of robotics because I just loved to build things. Whether I was helping my family reassemble furniture after a move, or fixing my younger siblings’ toys, I loved to fix and create. When I discovered the realm of robotics, I knew that I had found my calling. I would help people however I could through whatever I made.

Throughout my childhood, I helped with volunteer work in the local church to help bring smiles to people I never met. Back in Washington State, I ran lights, sound, and video for the elementary kids at church every Sunday for a year. If I took an off day, it was because I was told to, since I wanted to help out however I could.

Even now, I am the leader of two clubs here on campus, Star Wars and Nerf, and I am an officer in several more. I take time out of my day to help with all of them, expecting and getting nothing but smiles and thanks in return. I also am a tutor on campus, and I regularly take time outside my normal hours to help my fellow students when they need it. When someone needs my assistance on something, I cannot say no, knowing that someone needs my help. Afterwards, I leave them with more knowledge, and the joy of having that knowledge. Outside of my normal hours, I get and do not expect anything in return. Truthfully, I am content with the fact that I am able to bring some happiness to my peers.

My true skill set is in building and creating, whatever that may be. With this versatile skill, I can spread a lot of joy to the people around me and to users of whatever I make. In the future, I plan to continue to use my talent to spread happiness however I can. I plan to continue spreading the fun with my Nerf blaster hobby. While I am interested in going into the field of Robotics, I do not yet know who I will work for. Whichever company I end up working for, or even if I start my own business, in the end I will be making people’s lives easier, so that people can spend their time the way they would like to. The world is a dark place, and people are in desperate need of some joy. I want to help provide that, through what I build, and whatever else I can do.