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Freshman Goals Essay

As a freshman in high school, my main goal for my life is to get a job that I will be satisfied with while also doing well financially. This is my main goal because if I didn't have a job or career that would please me, then there wouldn't be any point to a job at all, besides financial reasons. When I started high school, I immediately knew the path I wanted to take was Information Technology. Although I didn't get to experience it through the exploratory program, I saw through the website and Open House that the shop had aspects to it that I really enjoy, such as computers, software, and programming. I did fortunately end up getting the shop of my choice. My goal vocationally is trying to work at a faster pace, and academically my goal is to make it on the Dean's list at least three out of four times this year. I plan to reach my academic goal by trying to keep myself updated by knowing my grades and fixing anything that I don't believe is good enough. For my vocational goals, all I need to do is concentrate a bit more on the assignments I get.

When I'm a graduate from high school, I plan to further my education in the field I'm studying. I want to get a part-time job while I go to college or any school after GNBVT. If I do end up going to college, which I hope I do, I want to go to a place in Massachusetts because I've heard that this state is very advanced when it comes to education. I would like to study Computer Science and hopefully specialize in Video Game Design/Programming. I believe that I might go

to either a college or a university like the University of Massachusetts.

When I'm around 15 years older than I am now (about 31 ½ years old), I hope to see myself with a family and working in my career. I hope to live somewhere foreign, like Japan or South Korea, because they have very unique lifestyles and customs which I would like to experience. The reason I would choose this lifestyle is because I would love to work in my career and I would like to start a family that I can raise and teach all the values and wisdom that I have gained over the years. When I finish my education, I would love to work for a video game company like Frictional Games or Red Barrels, once I have enough experience and skill in my field. I would like to be part of a video game company that specializes in horror video games because that is the genre that I treasure the most. The position that I would want, Video Game Programmer, can pay from \$40,000 a year to an outstanding \$120,000 a year (with a lot of experience). I don't care much for the salary as long as it supports my lifestyle.

Right now, I possess some qualities that would assist me in reaching my goals. I have some experience in programming already, so it would be fairly easy to adapt to the programming that a company has. Also, I can be very organized at times so I would be able to find files or information quickly. Lastly, I can draw pretty well, which can help me make better blueprints to anything, like a level in a game or something. I've noticed I possess some personality traits that may also help in the workplace. I am charismatic, so it's easy for me to talk to people comfortably. I'm also focused most of the time so I'll be able to listen attentively. Lastly, I have a very good memory (I actually have a photographic memory), which can help me retain information easily. Some people that I know that can help me achieve my goals are family, friends, and teachers. My family and some of my friends support what I do and believe in me.

Teachers also support me, but they can also help me if I have a problem, plus they can educate me to improve my skills.

A skill or quality I need to improve is that I don't like to really stand out and make myself noticed. This skill could help me in the future because if I have an idea for something, I can use this trait to make my idea noticed. What I can do to improve this is try to be less nervous about standing out and just do it. There are some factors that can affect my goals in life. My family struggles a lot with money, so to solve this I would probably need scholarships to pay off college. Also, I am not allowed to use my computer for long periods of time. My resolution for this is to consult with my parents to see if we can make a compromise for whatever I'm trying to do. My goals range from doing well with grades to getting a job with a video game company. I can see myself pursuing my goals and really enjoying what I want to do for my dream job. I have many skills that I can use to my advantage and be noticed more by employers for having them.

On the other hand, I also have traits and complications that can conflict with my goals, so I need to work on those. I do have people who can support me along the way and help me carve a path towards my goal as a Video Game Designer. I may have this goal right now, and it may change over time, but at least I know for now what my goal is and how I can pursue it.