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Senior Goals Essay – How I Prepare for The Future

The year is now 2017. I, Peter Gomes, have been preparing my whole life for what happens after crossing the stage wearing a green cap and gown in eight months. Since sophomore year, I have been studying Programming and Web Development at my school of Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech. After studying the ins and out of programming, we are now studying how we can program from a more advanced perspective. Since this is the last chance to study the course until college, I just want to ensure that I can absorb everything I can from this school and even take those steps beyond the curriculum to make sure that I transition into whatever college I get into safely and smoothly. Since these past two years of studying my trade have gone by with some almost perfect grades, I should not have any problems passing my shop and getting through the year.

For the academic side of this year, I am taking some of the most advanced classes. I excel in subjects such as English and Science, but I tend to struggle a bit with Math. I will be spending most of my time throughout the year trying to keep my math course in check while maintaining the other classes I have. There are few accomplishments I want for my senior year, but each one of them is extremely important to me. I hope to graduate Summa Cum Laude (a GPA over 4.0) and get a SAT score over 1200. As for activities after school, I just hope that I can maintain the anime club that I run and train the other club officers how to run the club once I graduate.

Although I feel like my goals in school are important, the ones outside of school may have a larger impact for me overall. For now, working minimum wage is fine, but once college hits, I may need to find some sort of internship where I could pay for a dorm or utilities so I can at least have some place to relax and do my work. Getting a car is a plan, but I feel like it will be something I get during college. I plan to get my Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and having a minor in Game Development, which would take me about 4 years. In the technology field, versatility is best since many job opportunities are open. "One trick ponies" in this field generally get stuck trying to find a higher paying job. I already have certifications in Microsoft PowerPoint, Word, Excel, and Access 2010 so I feel like that is a good start. I have other awards such as ones for state competitions and academic achievements, so they should be able to make my portfolio stand out among others. As of now, my parents and guidance counselors can emotionally support me and help direct me in whatever direction is best for me. Financially, I am on my own, which will be the biggest hurdle in all of this. But with some financial aid assistance from my guidance counselors, I hope to get my tuition under control.

After graduating, I see myself getting myself into the work force, freshly out of college with a degree. It may be tough trying to apply for a job that will accept a new guy, but eventually someone might be able to see my potential. Adding another 5 years after that, I think that I will be anchored to a company by then. I have no clue whether they will be big or small, but I will be trying to work my way up to a senior programmer. Maybe during that time, I will think back on the goals that I am making right now. I will think to myself: "Maybe I did get a SAT over 1200, but maybe I forgot to graduate Summa Cum Laude. Maybe I did get that internship during college, but maybe I forgot to get a car." Whatever goals I achieve or abandon, whatever life gives me or takes from me, I just want everyone to know that I, Peter Gomes, am happy.