Dear Mom and Dad,

School is going well! I know that you guys have been questioning whether or not picking up a computer science minor was a good decision, but I can assure you that the material that I am learning is only going to further my education. I feel as though it is important to tell you the difference between computer science and software engineering. Computer science is the study of how computers work and operate. Whereas, software engineering is the study of how software systems are built. Both are being discussed in my minor, but knowing how a computer works, inside and out, will really help me with my dreams to work in digital forensics.

There are also many different opportunities that I could have if I do not end up doing digital forensics. I could be a computer programmer! This mean I would write code to allow software and other applications to function properly. Basically, I would write a code for a computer to understand and then follow. How cool is that? I could maybe be an information security analysts. This means, I would carry out security measures to protect a company's networks and systems. Another opportunity that really sparks my interest is web development. I could design and create websites for companies or other people that need them. All these careers sound so much fun, and are high paying. I swear I am not wasting my time in college, and once I get my degree you will completely understand why I'm working so hard for this.

But, my real interest is digital forensics. This is a branch of forensic science that recovers and investigates material found in digital devices. This career will combine the knowledge that I have in forensics and law, with the knowledge that I will have with computer science. I would be responsible for assisting law enforcement with cybercrimes and retrieve evidence from digital devices, such as computers. This field interest me so much not just because of the money that would be involved, but because of the growth of technology, and the amount of crime that is

taking place on the web and technology. Other fields have certainty interest me in computer science, such as software development, but I really feel like digital forensics or another opportunity in cybercrime would be best fit for me.

Love,

Ashley

Report Report

      The steps that I took to write this report, or letter to my parents, was first my outline. I wanted to make sure that I was coving everything that had to do with my minor, and the job opportunities that would come with my minor and degree. I also took the time to write toward my audience, being my parents, and making sure that I wrote with the tone that suited my audience. I made sure describe the careers and definitions in a way that they would understand. This letter is less formal than a paper I would write to a future employer or to a professor. I made sure to get my information in my letter from reliable sources that were giving to me by my professor and from my textbook. Though this letter didn't seem to take a ton of critical thinking, I had to remember who I was writing to and how to approach the letter overall.