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I believe that the line of work I am planning on pursuing helps to better the common good. By going into the public sector of cybersecurity I will be assisting in serving my country through different cyber operations. This would be helping to serve the public interest since I am serving my country. In turn, I am not planning on staying in the public sector the whole time, I do hope to switch into the private sector. This would be pursuing the common good within my private interest since it would be mainly benefiting myself. When I make this shift I am planning on having a private cybersecurity company that is contracted out by companies and is on the cutting edge of Artificial Intelligence.

The issue is, I really am not planning on living simply, I actually plan to do the exact opposite. I want to make my life as technology friendly as I possibly can. When I am in the public sector, I know that the paycheck will not be the highest. I am okay with that because I am doing what I can do to serve my country with the skills I have been given. After I make the transition, the paycheck will increase. I also know that my field typically makes six figures+. I do want to serve as an example and change in society and in my field. I currently am one of three women graduating in my department this spring, and over the course of my time at HPU the women have grown from 3 to 30% in just three years. I am also the president of the cybersecurity club, and plan to continue to be a leader in my field. I know that every time I walk into the room, I have to prove my worth because of my gender, but I hope that I can do something to change that. I have already seen a lot of progress in my department from being asked “why are you in this class? You’re a girl,” my freshman year, to boys in grades above me asking me to help them with their resume’s and LinkedIn’s. I have had to work my ass of to be taken seriously, but I have no intent in stopping now.