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### Final Reflection

The readings have taught me how to use such a platform as writing to powerfully convey my story and my voice. For example, Nanette showed me how to confidently talk about something you are passionate about, no matter how controversial. She used her platform to discuss a topic that some people may not like, but still confidently went on stage and spoke her truth, something I tried to embody during my public performance. Furthermore, Gloria Anzaldua and her piece, "Speaking in Tongues" taught me how to make a claim and give my story in writing. She talks about how her school upbringing and the strict standards and academia has made it so that she goes against all the standards and writes in her own format. Inspiring me to tell my own stories and my own experiences on the piece of paper.

One thing that changed, regarding my perspectives, is understanding how hiring managers hire people for their companies. I used to always think it was solely about achievements and who is most accomplished. However, professor that it is your story and your experiences that make you interesting. One example of learning this is every single example personal narrative we read and reviewed in class. Every single example narrative from previous classes taught me a tip about making my claim, where to place my claim, how to use story to back up my claim, and a lot more.

I am looking forward purely to pursuing my passion for programming in the future. I hope that with all the tools I learn from school, all the experience I get out of school, that I can

take it forward and bring it to the workforce. My goals are to not just work and earn money, but to do that by doing something I love. Another, longer term goal is to start a family. The value of family and taking care of your loved ones has been instilled in me at a very young age. The Hanley foundation rights, “Family is important because they can offer support and security coupled with unconditional love; they will always look to see and bring out the best in you even if you cannot see it for yourself” (2020). No matter how many problems you have with your family, your loved ones will always be there for you as mine have been for me. I want to be there for my next family too, and I know that I will be there for my next family

One advice I wish I had my first year was to join more clubs or organizations. Clubs are one of the best, if not the best way to make friends. These friends can even become a family. During my freshman year, I was not that active in that space as I already had a group of friends, but they were all in clubs. I wish I had that other family, or that other group of friends to go to hang out with, or to talk with. I eventually joined a couple of Asian-American student associations my second year, and I have made more good friends from these clubs, but I just wish I joined these clubs sooner so that I could have been even closer to those people. This same advice applies to transfers. It is never too late to join a club, and like I said before, it is one of the best ways to create new, maybe lifelong friendships, and it will make your whole UCSD experience a whole lot better

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