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**Self-Development Plan**

My father is in the Military and therefore has taken us back and forth across the country. I have lived in 8 different states and am quite proud of it. I was born in New Mexico and most of my extended family lives here. I believe that this is where I am “mostly” from. Moving around was so much fun and I was able to experience many new adventures because of it. Whenever we would move somewhere new, I always had my support group before I made any friends in the new area. My siblings and I would play with all the packing boxes and connect them together, we would take all the packing paper and put it into one room and pretend we were swimming in it, or we would all play on our DS’s together for hours. Even to this day my siblings are my best friends and the people that I go to first for any advice or kind words. I want them to be proud of me and look up to me as a good example career and life wise.

My parents were both born Mormon and our extended families are fairly ingrained into either the Catholic or Mormon church. My siblings and I were also raised Mormon and therefore I have had a difficult time adjusting to life outside of this faith. I went through a lot of changes fast my freshman year of college because of my decisions and was unable to prioritize everything I needed to do. On account of my actions and struggling with being so far away from my family, my grades were drastically lower than any of my other school years.

My biggest influencers are my parents because of their diverse careers throughout our moves. My mother was a Lactation Consultant for some time and after another move would find a job at our school or somewhere close by. Once we moved to Kentucky, she decided to go back to school to become an elementary school teacher, while we were all in middle and high school. She had a 3.9 GPA overall and was an inspiration. She worked so hard and I hope to just as hard in my career. My dad was sent to grad school by the Army so that he could work in DC as an Operations Systems Analysis job. My dad did this so that he would have a desk job and be able stay in the country for our family. I think he is a great person to look up to because of this. I plan to go into technology just like my dad and I have a huge respect for education because of my mom. My goals for a career are because of their examples.

For my two Assignment Choices I have picked Informational Interview and Career & Job Posting Review. These two choices seem to go well together for me. I am wanting to get more connections to companies that I would want to work in. Interviewing an experienced worker in something I would like to pursue would be a great opportunity for those connections to be created. I am currently in need of an internship for my major and would love to have a better understanding of what my options are out there and so I also chose Career & Job Posting Review as my second additional assignment. I would also like to maybe take a strengths assessment because that seems like fun to me, if that is possible.

I do not plan on missing any particular classes this semester.