My Life Journal

My life journal is a site completely focused on summarizing what I feel to be my greatest accomplishments up until this moment as well as somewhere to manifest what I want to achieve in the future both in my life and in my career.

The idea for this site was conceived when I started thinking about where I wanted to see myself in 5, 15, or 40 years into the future. What would I have needed to accomplish in my life in order to be satisfied with the way I decided to live it? The site will also serve as a source of motivation for myself if I feel as though I'm slipping too far from what I've already worked hard to make possible and achieve. Finally, this site can be used to give recruiters a sense of my varied skill sets as well as my ambition and drive to be successful in the future.

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Achievement #1 - High School Soccer Success

I played on my high school's soccer team for all four years that I attended but we were never very good up until the very end of my last season when we ended up making a deep run in the postseason. I was one of the starting defensive center backs for our team so it felt great to know that I was having a direct impact on the success of our team. We ended up getting knocked out in the state semi-finals (the best our team had ever done), and I received an All-State honorable mention for my play. (I'm pictured far right - #17)





Achievement #2 - DECA State Finalist x2

DECA is a high school and collegiate business organization that hosts competitions where students from all over the country compete in business-related challenges and case studies at the regional, state, and national level. In my two years in DECA I placed 2nd at the state conference twice in a row for my individual event, but for my senior year I was also a part of a group event that successfully advanced to the national conference in Atlanta. Unfortuanely we did not place at the national level but I still credit this experience for developing the foundation of my business skills. (Pictured left after winning at regionals - 2017)

Achievement #3 - Programmed a New Voting System

I am a member of the Phi Chi Theta professional business fraternity at MSU where I have served as the Tech Committee chair for almost two years now. When I was elected, the system that was used to calculate votes for new pledges was hard-coded into our fraternity's website, which unfortunately got hacked and resulted in everything being lost. Because of this, I had to construct an entirely new voting system using Google Forms and python scripts to collect and tabulate the pledge votes during our rush season. It is the single largest project I have ever developed and I consider it to be one of my greatest achievements to date.



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Goal #1 - Solid Job Out of College



The first goal I'm looking to achieve after graduating college is to secure a stable, well-paying job within my field. I am currently a senior majoring in Computational Data Science with a minor in Information Technology, so I would love to find a role where I can combine my soft business skills with my data analytics background and education. Ideally the position would allow me to work with real people to solve real problems rather than being confined to a cubicle every day and just tap away at a keyboard.

Goal #2 - Start My Own Business

The next goal I plan to target later on in my life would be to start my own business. I would love to be able to meet with customers about their companies and analyze their data to inform them of ways they could be doing things more efficiently. I am also passionate about charity work and giving back to the community, so I would love to be able to take a certain portion of my company's profits and automatically donate them to a worthy cause - specifically something environmental.



Goal #3 - Write a Book



It has always been a lifelong dream of mine to write a book - in fact I can recall that the very first thing that I wanted to be when I was growing up was an author. There's just something so fascinating to me about pouring out all your thoughts onto the blank pages, almost as if you're allowing the reader to peek through a tiny window into your mind. It wouldn't necessarily have to be any specific genre, but I know that once I decide on a topic and the inspiration hits me, I won't be able to stop writing.

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