Experiences

I was born and raised in Three Rivers, Michigan. I grew up with very rule orientated parents who dictated most of the things I did. I graduated from Three Rivers High School in 2013, and then started my college career at Southwest Michigan College(SMC). I still lived at home and went to college for a year and a half. In the Spring semester of 2015 I was able to transfer to Western Michigan University. I was so excited to be at a large school and focus on my future.

When I first started at SMC, I didn’t know for sure what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. My Grandfather has been a huge part of shaping my future. He gave me my love for technology and engineering technology to do what you want. I knew that I wanted to go into Engineering, but I didn’t know which field. SMC didn’t offer degrees for specific Engineering, only a general Engineering degree.

Starting at SMC was the smartest decision I made for my future. I was able to get my core classes out of the way and figure out what I want to do as a career. One day I was visiting my grandpa and he started showing some of the programs he had written. I thought they were really interesting and asked if he could teach me a little. Over the next few weeks I was able to create a small program that asked simple questions, and took in answers. I really enjoyed creating the program and dove more into learning about coding.

Brandon is my best friend and the first person I wanted to show my new found love to. He was just as excited about programming as I was. He changes his major to Computer Science and I moved up to Kalamazoo and started the Computer Science program alongside my best friend. The Computer Science classes at Western have deepened my love for programming. I am excited to have my career as a programmer.

Learning is what the goal of college is. In every situation we can always take away something to learn. Through every mistake or success there are opportunities to learn from your experiences. Learning is what life is all about. Human kind is always learning from the past and changing to better our future.

I made a mistake which I have learned from. It all began when Brennan messaged me that he had been sick all week and wasn’t able to do the assignment. I completely understood where he was coming from. This semester has been really stressful and It has hard to get all the assignments done on time. He asked me for my work so far so he could have a basis on how to do the assignment. I regretfully gave him the base work of my assignment thinking he would use as a reference.

This experience has taught me a lot and I have learned a lot from it. The number one lesson I learned is to always ask the teacher. If I am ever asked for my work on any project, the first thing I should do is ask the instructor if it is okay. The instructor is able to see then the situation at hang and be able to grade and assess the situation and the assignment. I also learned to always read through the syllabus for the class and double check it if I have any questions at all.

Taking away from this I would say that this situation will help me at my future employment. If someone ever asked me for my work I should make sure with my boss before just giving him anything. Although I was trying to help Brennan, I should have thought ahead and just tried to answer questions and explain how to do it instead of just giving my work. Same with my future job. I should try and help him by explaining how I was able to do something.

In the end I am thankful for Western Michigan University for giving me the opportunity to extend my knowledge and learn from all my experiences. They have given me great instructors to further my knowledge of Computer Science. This semester even with the crazy schedule and all the stress that I have had, I still passed all my classes. I was able to boost my GPA and pass two classes that I had failed in the previous semester. I am looking forward to my last year here at Western and getting my degree. My future is looking so bright and I can’t wait to see what life has in store from me.