

<b>Basic Information</b>	<b>Tell us about yourself!</b>
<b>Full Name</b>	Hajir Al Obaidi
<b>Preferred Name</b>	Hajir Al Obaidi
<b>Gender Identity</b>	Straight/heterosexual
<b>Age</b>	18
<b>Grade Level</b>	Freshman in College
<b>Fun Information</b>	<b>Optional fun information about yourself</b>
<b>Zodiac Sign</b>	Aries
<b>Favorite Color</b>	Aqua
<b>Favorite Season</b>	Fall
<b>Notable Memories</b>	<b>Experiences that have shaped your life, or fond memories.</b>
<b>Childhood</b>	Most of my childhood until age 8 was spent in Iraq, where I was born and raised. I always had family and friends around, which made me develop a deep connection with the place. I also grew up learning Arabic and eating from the Iraqi cuisine, which made me deeply connect with the culture of the country as well. From my childhood, I remember all the friends I made in school, how I would always hang out with them and play on the streets near my house, and how I always, without fail, visited my grandparents' house every week on Friday. I especially remember especially enjoying our Islamic holidays such as Eid because it meant that I got to spend even more time with my relatives, go to Eid prayer, and do fun things like go to amusement parks.
<b>Elementary School</b>	I got to spend 1st and 2nd grade in Iraq, which were two of the best years of elementary school for me. However, when we immigrated to the United States, I was halfway through the 3rd grade. I spent 3rd and 4th grade in a different school in an entirely different country, and my experience in that school was rough to say the least. From experiencing bullying to not having to learn an entire new language to not developing any real connections with any of the students, I struggled to fit in and really hated that school. However, for 5th and 6th grade, I moved to a different school, and that new school was much better than my old one because I got to act more like myself. Even though I wouldn't say that I made a ton of new friends, my connections with the students definitely improved.
<b>Middle School</b>	In middle school, I would say that 7th grade was a very difficult year for me because I had to learn how to adapt to this new environment that I got thrust into. I found middle school to be very different than elementary school, which is why it took me a while to adjust to the new environment and gain my footing. However, it was in 8th grade that I truly found my place and got used to everything. I found myself really enjoying the school because I finally felt like I belonged.

<b><u>High School</u></b>	In the beginning of high school, my family and I moved to a different city. I spent all four years of high school in that one school, which made it really easy to make connections. I would even say that high school was the best time of my life because even though I wasn't the most popular person, I still found my place in several communities on campus and was able to relate to other students who were just like me. I got to take classes that challenged me and that pushed to decide on the major that I am currently pursuing. To me, high school was truly a learning experience and the first glance at adulthood in which I felt like I now had to make decisions for myself and personally go seek help when I had trouble. This coupled with finally finding relatable communities made me enjoy my time in high school.
<b><u>Work History</u></b>	I haven't had any formal work experience but I did do an internship during my Junior year in high school as part of my Biotech 1-2 class. Our main mission was to make science kits for 4 different labs and distribute them to various schools in our district. I got to work as a customer service manager, who was mainly in charge of sending out and responding to emails from teachers, keeping track of kit orders, and making sure to communicate with the Order Fulfillment and Quality Assurance groups about their progress.
<b><u>Inspiring Experience</u></b>	Since I took several science classes in high school, I want to pursue the biology field and hopefully do research or work in a lab.
<b><i>Professional Interest</i></b>	<b>What are some skills and interest of yours?</b>
<b><u>Potential Career Interest 1</u></b>	High school biology teacher or college professor of biology
<b><u>Potential Career Interest 2</u></b>	High school history teacher or college professor of history
<b><u>Potential Career Interest 3</u></b>	N/A
<b><u>Professional Skill 1</u></b>	Mira Mesa Virtual Tutoring Program
<b><u>Professional Skill 2</u></b>	Tutoring Club at Mira Mesa High School
<b><u>Professional Skill 3</u></b>	Biocom Institute Internship
<b><i>Personal Interest</i></b>	<b>What are some of your hobbies and passions?</b>
<b><u>Projects</u></b>	Mira Mesa Virtual Tutoring Program, Tutoring Club, Yearbook Class Senior Editor, Marauder Marquee (school newspaper) Vice President, Muslim Student Association, Hickman Elementary Summer School Tutoring Program
<b><u>Hobbies</u></b>	Drawing, reading, and playing soccer
<b><u>Passion/Area of Interest 1</u></b>	Biology and History
<b><u>Favorite Musician/Genre/Song</u></b>	Don't have a favorite musician, but I do enjoy pop, R&B, k-pop, Middle Eastern music (favorite song = Count On Me by Bruno Mars because I like its message and it reminds me of Elementary School memories since we sung this song in our promotion.

<b><u>Favorite Movie</u></b>	Wonder
<b><u>Favorite Book/Genre</u></b>	Harry Potter Series
<b><i>Anything Else?</i></b>	<b>Any other things you want to share with us!</b>
	N/A