Friends have been the clearest and most sustaining influence in my life. My strongest memories and happiest days come from working alongside friends—especially during the year I spent as a professional gambler—where collaboration, trust, and shared stakes made the work meaningful. By contrast, working with people I didn't connect with felt draining; that experience taught me that I want a career that preserves dignity for others and for myself rather than one that requires putting people down to win. That ethic of mutual respect and camaraderie is central to who I am and to the professional environment I want to build.

I'm naturally idea-driven: generating new concepts and research directions comes easily and is energizing. Implementation is harder for me; I know I tend to stall in the follow-through. Recognizing that gap is already steering my goals—I want to become reliably good at turning ideas into finished work. Professionally, I see myself as a professor, where I can combine independent research, mentorship, and collaborative projects with students and peers. The ideal role would let me work closely with a community I respect and enjoy.

To get there I will assemble practical supports rather than hero-worshipped role models. My personal advisory board will include peers and mentors who model accountability, technical competence, and humane leadership—faculty who publish consistently, collaborative lab-mates who ship projects, and senior colleagues who balance teaching and research well. I want to develop concrete implementation skills. I'll also deepen technical knowledge in the core methods of my field and the subtopics I choose to pursue.

My long-term (5-year) aim is to establish a coherent research agenda, publish a steady portfolio of papers, and secure a spot in a phd program. In the next year I will do well in classes, identify a research topic I'm passionate about, and begin producing preliminary results. I want to find a research subject I am interested in and begin to work on

I'm investing time in this opportunity because it aligns with becoming a scholar who both generates ideas and reliably executes them in a community I enjoy. If this path doesn't open immediately, I will pursue adjacent options: research assistant roles, collaborative industry research positions, or structured postgrad programs that emphasize mentorship and project completion.

Ultimately, I hope my story is one of collaboration, idea-generation, and a growing commitment to disciplined follow-through. The people and experiences that have shaped me point toward a career where I can mentor, co-create, and publish within a respectful, tight-knit research community. Joining a lab that values mentorship, and team-based research will give me the structure and role models I need to turn curiosity into lasting scholarly impact.