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<div align="center">Journal: Self Introduction</div>

Hello, my name is Samantha Pollard I'm a mother of two teenagers, my daughter Michelle 19

And my son Nikolas that will be 15. I've been in this program since about 2018/19 it's taken me a

while, and I have definitely had some setbacks one being the death of my husband in 2019 from

suicide which I continued to push through with school until the end of March when I had a mental

breakdown due to the stress of now being a single parents to two kids, so I took a four month break

from work and school which ended up pushing me back but I needed it for my own mental health.

 What I've learned from this course honestly and truly I think I've been on go mode the entire time

I've been in this program, when I first started, I had excited because I had the support but then sadly

like a stated above the support is all on me now, so I try to keep encouraging myself even when I

thought I wasn't going to make it. What does my current career or future relate to computer

science? That's a good question because I don't know anyone personally that has a degree in

Computer Science, but I have been doing a lot of networking at my current place of employment

and have met a few people that are in the position that make things happen and show me the way

to be successful, so I'll be leaning on that as soon as I finish this program. My career plans I have

actually started to train in SCUM Management, when I heard about this, I was so very intrigued by

the possibility of this that I started studying for this and with this degree I'm hoping that It will put

me in the right places with the right people. Scrum Master, is the specialization in my career that I'm looking for, and more control over my schedule since I am a single mother this would be the better option for me and my family.