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WLC 400

One of the most interesting and hardest choices we have to face is determining about the career that we really want and what trails to take in order to chase our objectives. I was not sure of who I wanted to be and the profession I was going to select. I recognized that I needed to discover something that I was going to feel excited. Today I am satisfied to find myself in the right place. Study hard will help me to accomplish my bachelor's degree in Spanish and to advance to become a wonderful teacher.

I was born in Jalisco, Mexico and I immigrated to United States when I was 15 years old, on 2007. I came to this country to obtain better opportunities because in Mexico there is a lot of poverty. It was so hard to adapt to a new culture, especially to a new language. Honestly, I was confused finding my identity by the reason of being part of two nationalities. Although English is my second language, I feel happy because I considered myself as a bilingual person for now I know two languages that are: Spanish and English.

I came to this nation for better opportunities and I saw the advantage of those chances. So, I decided to come to California State University of Monterey Bay. I chose to reach a B. A. in Spanish with a concentration in literature. In this university I have learned about different cultures. Having different experiences in my life, I grew up motivated to find out more about this incredible language and expanding my knowledge of it. Simply, I have a lot of respect for the Spanish language and I love all the characteristics of it. There is all the time something to learn about and as I point out before, I have the sensation that I am in the correct place.

My main objective is to become a Spanish teacher at the high school level. Honestly, I want to do this because I want to keep expanding this language because it is one of the most important languages that exist. Also, I want to keep showing the Hispanic literature because it is something interesting that a student could learn about. I believe is a wonderful job and it will be amazing to teach the subject that I am the most enthusiastic about.

Choosing my own way was not an easy thing, but fortunately I feel prepared and successful. I am working hard to obtain my goals. I will get there for I have motivation and I am a positive person. When you think that things looks to drop in the exact place that is you know you have made the precise determination. Honestly, I feel that I have chosen the vocation that I want.

In MLO 1 These classes really helped me to understand more about language proficiency. In addition, they helped me to talk professionally and appropriately. In MLO 2 which talk about linguistics I took courses that helped me because I learned how to write and talk correctly. Also,

these classes helped me understand more about phonetics, morphology, semantics, etc. In MLO 3 Talks about culture and literature. These classes helped me to understand more about culture and literature from different parts of the world. In MLO 4 I took a Japanese course. In this class I learned a lot about JAPAN culture. In addition, I learned about the food and some places of Japan to visit. The most important thing is that I learned about how to analyze history and by visualizing a photo, a movie, etc. In MLO 5 I did a community project. For this project, I used a book *A través de las montañas* and a poem “No tengo papeles,” as well. In MLO 6 I took two courses which were WLC 300 and WLC 400. WCL 300 really helped me to have an idea about how Capstone project will be. WLC 400 helped me to analyze and organized the ideas for my Capstone project.