

## **Why College Is Important to Me**

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Many go about their days searching for the next task to pursue or waiting for motivation to materialize out of thin air defining the one attribute lacking amongst the majority of mankind – the passion to achieve and innovate. The United States of America was built on individuals who sought to break new grounds and begin a new nation despite the apparent challenges. It seems as a society we have sequestered our once-innate ability to seek discomfort and the unthinkable to accept a more widespread mediocrity. Throughout my lifetime, I have made it my sole purpose in life to seek the unknown and do the unthinkable; for me, attending college is the key to this success.

An agenda I have set for myself is to graduate college guaranteeing that my future starts off on the right path. I will be attending the University of Nevada Reno and I have decided to double major in the fields of engineering and business allowing me to carve my own destiny rather than follow the stencil set out by society.

Entering high school, my writing and communication skills were deplorable. However, I soon realized the importance these skills would have in my life. No matter the end destination, having an increased level of communication and writing skills is beneficial to all people. College is so important because I will be able to fine-tune these skills that are so necessary for my own career. As an environmental engineer, writing reports and orating requires efficiency in public speaking and writing.

In my high school classes, I have begun to learn how to become an effective writer and critical reader and I learned the essential role these skills play in the foundation of all careers. In my future career, I will need to be a proficient writer as I will be tasked with writing proposals and I will be asked to create written regulations that will satisfy multiple invested business parties. I will need to be able to communicate in my writing the exact plans and details for very specific environmental regulations, and I will need to be able to advocate on behalf of the company that I work for. I believe some of the most important skills that I will learn in college are the ability to think with a critical lens, the ability to

communicate effectively, the ability to understand and appreciate all people from varying backgrounds, and the ability to advocate for causes I believe in.

Becoming an environmental engineer is a cause that I truly believe in. As an environmental engineer, I hope to work with companies to help determine the environmental impacts of projects and to help mitigate and minimize the negative consequences of the task being implemented. I want to help create cost effective alternatives and invent new techniques and solutions to problems that help all invested parties of a project work together towards a system that is lawful and creative in its implementation. These are dreams and skills that I will not be able to implement without a college education.

College is so important to me because I believe it will help me be able to make a positive and lasting impact on my community and my world when I finally become the environmental engineer and man that I have long envisioned myself to be.