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### What Drives Me

I've always been interested in art, and I feel as though I'm a very creative person. I've done musical theater since I was in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and I've been singing since I could speak. In Middle School, I began getting more interested in physical arts as well as the liberal arts. I had an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Digital Literacy class that included some illustrating in the course. I enjoyed it a lot and continued to take my schools Graphic Design class my freshmen year. As of now, I have taken a half credit of Graphic Design 1, and nearly a full credit of Graphic Design 2.

I've never really known what I wanted to do with my life, but as I continue down this path, I'm discovering that it is something I really want to do. In the beginning of this month, I attended the SheTech expo with a friend who is very interested in a STEM career. I just tagged along because I thought it would be fun. It was there that I found out how Graphic design has so many opportunities within STEM. And as I've become more open about what I want to do, I found out that my aunt is a Graphic Designer. She works as a private contractor, and people hire her directly, which I think would be a super fun job to have. You get to choose your own hours, and your own projects. I've also heard about many cool internship opportunities in New York and other places. The more I learn, the more I really want to take my life on this path.

Creativity really is a part of my personality, and I enjoy creating things for specific people. So, the fact that I can do both of those things in one generally well-paying profession is really cool to me. I've always known I was going to go to college, and my family could pay for college, but my parents could still really use financial support to help me get an education. So, for this reason, I've always tried hard in school, and I am a 4.0 student. I have finally found something I love to do, and I want to be able to make it to that place in my life. That is what Drives me. I design my siblings birthday invitations whenever I can. I also have a small business where I sell bracelets, and I love designing packaging cards for them, and it just makes me happy to see something I've created come to life. As I get older, I'm really excited to take this next step with my life, and I feel more prepared than I've felt in my entire life. All the more reason to keep on going. To keep on driving.