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What Drives me? A Jiffy Lube serviced 2008 Toyota Rav4, I named Ruby (she's red). Though, I have a feeling that isn't exactly what the object of this essay is. What actually drives me is proving people wrong. Let me explain. When I was almost six, my parents got divorced. My mom and I, with my younger brother moved back to Utah to "start over". We lived with my grandparents while my mom went to a technical school. Life was challenging, even as a kid I still remember wondering how it would all turn out. Did you know in some studies, it's sited that kids from a single parent household are twice as likely to not complete high school. I am proving that wrong. I will proudly graduate this year, May 2024. Kids from a single parent household are also more likely to have lower college aspirations. I have applied to and been accepted into Utah Tech in Saint George. I am planning to study performing arts and film with a minor in broadcast journalism for sports specifically.

In the eighth grade, I was diagnosed with ADHD, dyslexia, and dysgraphia. ADHD and Dyslexia affects the ability to read fluently, comprehend, memorize, organize, plan, be on time, prioritize, and stay focused. I have successfully been cast as a lead of community theater and school plays which required me to memorize, plan, and prioritize my time. I am also an athlete that is now the captain of my school's lacrosse team, this has required me to be on time, memorize plays, and STAY FOCUSED. I have proved those statistics wrong.

My dreams drive me. My dream is to be on screen. I have always loved performing. Performing gives me a chance to be someone that DOESN'T have dyslexia, DOESN'T have ADHD, that isn't a child of divorce. I get to become the character I'm playing. I have always loved being apart of films and brainstorming creative ways to tell a story. I was apart of my school's reporting station and discovered I love interviewing others and telling THEIR story too. Story telling connects us. I have been told many times, Actors never "make it". Statistically, so few people find success in that industry. I will prove that wrong too. Like I said, I am driven to prove people wrong. To be clear, it's statistics I'm proving wrong, I love people!

I believe college is the next step forward. I can't wait to go out on my own and find my new road forward. I would love to be selected as a finalist in what drives me. Getting this scholarship would mean the world to me. As a finalist I will also get the opportunity to create a video and expand on what drives me, I would love that! When I graduate college I will be a first generation college graduate in my family. I will work towards telling my story and telling others stories. I will hope to be an inspiration to someone else that has overcome challenges like I have.