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My parents left their home 15 years ago, in pursuit of prosperity and a better future for me. They left behind their family, culture and memories. My dad wasn't there when his dad died and my mom wasn't there when her brother got married. The nights of solitude, moments not realized just to give me everything. Family is priority and is my driving force. It's my turn to take charge and return all that they have done for me. I respect my parents and even though at times I may fail as their child, all the times I've been scolded and at times been disobedient, I know I will mature. I will not rest until I have achieved my goals and I can say to my old man. "Your efforts weren't for nothing." Until I show him my college diploma, I show him that I was able to achieve what he doubted me.

At a young age, my parents taught me the importance of working to reach one's goals. When I was younger, I wanted a \$300 gaming console, but I wasn't of age to work yet and my parents didn't want to buy it for me. They would rather teach me the effort that goes into buying something. So I began hustling. From park to street, I was selling jello, candy, chips, and drinks. I had a goal in mind, and with the profits accumulated, I was able to buy the game I desired.

Currently, I customize shoes. I buy modern shoes for a low price, restore, customize, and resell them at \$90 more than what I bought them for. I also customize already owned shoes, wallets, backpacks, and hydro flasks for \$50. Not only that, but I have also begun to successfully sell custom printed stickers. I am an entrepreneur and am planning on pursuing a degree in business, as well as a degree in graphic design at the University of Nevada, Reno.

I have constantly been building my portfolio to showcase my products, which will allow me to expand my business. I envision being my own boss, having a degree in graphic design and business and one day telling my dad “I want you to stop working.” Everyday my dad endures the physical pain that his job places on him and there's no other response then to just put up with it. That is why I've made it my goal to be able to help him retire and support him financially. Before, I pursue anything else a higher education is needed.

I currently hold a 3.95 GPA and have been able to maintain it for the past 3 years. It depicts my hard work and discipline. A strong start to a successful route. I will be the first in my family to attend and graduate from college, not just for me, but for my uncle who couldn't cross to the United States.