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My Future: Making a Difference

My name is Hailey Dickinson. I was born in Pennsylvania, but at a young age I moved here to Idaho. I've lived in the Magic Valley for over ten years now. I grew up loving music and travel. Today, I've listened to hundreds of albums and made it across the United States. I am one of seven children, and that entails a lot. I have a younger brother who has a genetic disorder, and he needs a lot of different services. I've seen the difference that these services make in his life, so I've chosen to pursue a career where I can make a difference in the lives of children like him. After I finish high school, I will be attending college in order to become a Speech Language Pathologist.

I currently am planning on attending Idaho State University in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, with an emphasis on speech language pathology. There's different options, to emphasize in audiology or to go into speech language pathology. I will get a bachelor's degree in this, and hopefully start practice as a Behavioral Interventionist or as an assistant to an SLP. I could do my graduate degree from anywhere because there's an online option. As I go to college, I hope not only to gain a degree and higher knowledge, but to to make friends that I will keep for life. College will be a part of my life where I meet new people, but it is also important in helping me become the best version of myself.

What drives me? The real answer is becoming the best that I can be. Every day, I wake up and decide to do my best. It's always different and it keeps me on my toes. I make the choice to be one percent better today, to change something else. I tell myself that I am going to work harder today than I did yesterday. I want to make a difference, and that's why I've chosen the career path that I have.