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### What Drives me?

I have asked myself the question of what drives me multiple times in my life. Times of sadness, times of happiness, and times where I show my true character. I have always come to the same conclusion-- Family. My family drives me to be amazing, be myself, and become who I want to become. They are my foundation, my rock through all life throws at me. My family has helped me to discover my gift and love for music. I love to sing, play musical instruments, and lighten others' days with my passion. My family has also taught me to be passionate about having a good work ethic. Nothing can teach someone to not give up like running cross country. My entire family runs, and this has given me a passion for health in my life, and a love for hard things. Learning to love the hard things in life has given me the opportunity to be driven by them, and see the amazing view that unfolds when the destination is achieved.

When I was in 6th grade in 2015 I had a crazy idea, that led to many hours of studying in the library and many hours of online work at home. This idea was to graduate with my associate's degree when I graduated high school. With 49 college credits and counting, I am the closest that I have ever been to achieving this goal, and it excites me, but this is not the end. I am

passionate about Language. Freshman year I enrolled in Spanish I, and found that I love language! I love to learn about different cultures and traditions and love to try and be a part of them.

This is why I have set my path to be an ELL (English Language Learner) Teacher. I went to an Elementary school where 95% of the students that went there spoke Spanish at home and had difficulties learning. At the time I didn't understand how privileged I was to speak English and have parents to teach me alongside my teachers, but now that I have gained that knowledge I want to help those students who needed it the most.

I am a person who is passionate about a lot of different things. I am passionate about running, language, teaching, music, hard work, good effort, and much more. Because I am passionate about all of these things I am driven and determined to help others to learn more about them, and better themselves with their efforts. I believe that as I go to college and earn the degree of an ELL teacher I will be able to achieve my passions of hard work, language, as well as help others in my journey.