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What drives me is my passion for my chosen major and career path - Cinematography and Filmmaking. When I was 12, a member of my church invested in me by teaching me how to volunteer in the sound booth. It's through volunteering over the years that I developed a passion for the art of audio and video production. I have really learned to enjoy the process of taking a vision and finding creative solutions through the art of capturing video to tell stories. Telling a story can be as simple as entertainment, but also as powerful as moving an idea into culture. All humans have a story to tell, and we're all created on earth to have a purpose. I'm driven to help people tell their individual stories or their messages to make a difference on the planet.

For instance, I've made a recruitment video for a family friend's Real Estate business. She has a unique business model where they donate 10% of their commissions to the buyer's charity of choice. She believes in the reciprocity of giving back to the community ultimately makes a stronger community to sell real estate in. Her challenge was to articulate this unique idea to other agents, as well as the obvious administrative benefits of joining her team. I was able to help her outline and produce a video that would clearly and passionately show the benefits of joining her team in under five minutes.

What I also love about filmmaking and cinematography is the collaborative nature of a group effort. You get to work with many different types of creative people that can combine their ideas and experience to create something truly amazing that you wouldn't have been able to create on your own. Working on a team fuels me in creative output because I truly enjoy seeing the ideas of others come to life as much as my own. I can't wait to go to George Fox University this fall and work with award-winning professors and other aspiring cinematography students to pursue this craft further. I've visited the college twice and even participated in the Cinematic Arts scholarship summit. It was through this visitation that I've already met some other incoming freshman, and I am very excited to work with them as a team in my department.

My purpose and drive are to continue to develop my skills and to use my talents to make a difference in the world through storytelling. Having spent five years of my life working in the sound booth, I feel much very grounded in working in the Audio/Video field professionally, which is why I decided to choose video as my major. I am excited to see where this career path will take me.