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What Drives Me – Jiffy Lube “Teen Driver” Scholarship

There are many hobbies and goals I have that provide me with a life direction. As I have gone through my twelve years of schooling, different interests and dream jobs have come and gone. Now that I am approaching college, however, I have identified my primary hobbies and goals that I want to pursue. Specifically, these are continuing my music career as a drummer and becoming a Child Life Specialist through the University of Utah. Music is one of my greatest passions, and I want to be able to be in a band and perform gigs with fellow musicians. I also have a passion for childcare and helping future generations succeed. Since I took my child development class in tenth grade, I have been fascinated by human beings and how we develop and interact. There are few things I want to do more than helping children have the best future they can, and if I can work as a certified Child Life Specialist at local hospitals like Primary Childrens, I will feel like my life is complete. Music and serving my community are what drive me.

I began learning percussion in seventh grade. Before then, I never knew how to read actual music, let alone play instruments. I was self-taught on the ukulele, but that was about it. I chose percussion above the others because my half-brother has been a drummer for over half of his life, and I had more of an interest in percussion than all the other options. It quickly became

my passion and focus. I felt like I could have creative output in a way I had not had before, and I could make many friends. Now, five years later, I have been able to accomplish many things I have never believed I could and have created a true music family. I have been more in tune with myself and my love for music. Music allows me to express myself in ways other mediums cannot, and it is a strong motivator and de-stressor for different aspects of my life.

Along with music, my want to assist others has been a staple of my personality for as long as I can remember. The older I have gotten, the more I have actually had the opportunities to do so, such as doing service projects and directly helping teach children at my school's daycare. As I mentioned earlier, the CE Child Development class I took in tenth grade was one of the most significant "lightbulb" moments. After that, I continued to take Early Childhood Education classes, Human Development, Psychology, and Sociology. All classes respectively contributed to my desire to help children and understand more about human beings. After researching, I have decided my goal in college is to major in Family, Community, and Human Development with an emphasis on Child Life through the University of Utah to become a certified Child Life Specialist. Being a Child Life Specialist means I could work in hospitals and help children and their families cope with illness by bringing joy and fun to their hospital rooms. I have never found a job that I attached to as much as this one, and it has made me realize how much of a motivator helping others, especially children, is for me. In addition, I can use my musical abilities in my job, tying my two interests together.

In conclusion, drumming and child life are the two most essential factors that motivate me to have a successful future. I am very excited to see where my goals in life take me, and I cannot wait to be able to live out my dreams.