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What drives me is determined by what I'm driving. I'm driving my life towards the goal of majoring in Marine Biology at Oregon State University so I may become a Marine Biologist for the United States Fish and Wildlife Services. I want to help the environment by helping regulate and improve the quality of aquatic areas. I'm driven towards this goal because of past experiences that have lead be to the conclusion that my career needs to help the world. When I was a kid I grew up playing in the creek behind my house.

This creek used to be mostly clean. I remember swimming in the water and playing with the wildlife. I specifically remember trying to catch frogs before they would leap into the water and catching/releasing minnows from homemade traps. As I got older the creek started to fill with trash and smelt like a sewer. This was because the people up stream were dumping their garbage into the creek and it was polluting the water. I haven't seen frogs or minnows in the creek since I was a kid because of this. What always fascinated me was how this problem was sort of solved.

A family of beavers moved into the creek and built a dam behind my fence. The water up stream from the dam flooded. The dam served as a filter. It would trap garbage coming from up stream while letting the clean water pass through down stream. Unfortunately park services came through. The beavers were removed and the dam was destroyed. This story has a happy ending because the beavers managed to find their way back and rebuild. This time I've spent in the creek has influence my love for animals and nature. That's why I wanted to be a Zoologist until Freshman year where I became a Biomed student.

I was influenced by money so I was working for the highest paying job. After I found out about Medical School, I switched pathways towards a Engineer. I needed volunteer work during this time so I signed up to be a Camp Counselor for Northwest Outdoor Science School. I was tasked with teaching the wetlands classes. I would take a group of campers throughout a wetlands hike and show them the importance of preserving the environment. As I was with them, a Bald Eagle swooped down and snatched a fish out of the lake. In this moment it hit me, I want to work in a career that not only lets me experiences moments like this but also helps protect these moments.

I'm driven to go to Oregon State University and get my bachelors in Marine Biology. I want to become a Marine Biologist for the United States Fish and Wildlife Services. I want to go out with groups of other Biologist and help preserve the environment if thats taking samples in aquatic areas or rebuilding habitats. I want my impact on this world to be positive and not based on money.