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Personal Statement

I did not know what career I wanted to choose, it was a difficult decision. I was thinking and thinking which one was the correct one for me. First, I applied for Business administration and when I took my first class, I found out that business was not the right career for me. So, I decided to change it to Spanish because I knew Spanish. I thought that it was going to be easy since it was my first language, but once I took my first course, I discovered that it was not that easy. At the beginning, I did not like my major at all, but I did not want to change it again because I knew that if I kept changing majors, I was not going to finish any career. Everything changed once I started working as a tutor for migrant students and when I took my Spanish courses in the university.

I took my first Spanish classes at Hartnell College which were more focused on grammar. When I took my first quiz, I got a C, it was the time that I realized that I did not know how to write in Spanish correctly, specifically, I was having difficulties with the accents. I felt sad because it was my first time getting a low grade, but with the help of Mrs. Mendez and Mrs. Vacaflor I learned how to identify where the accents go. This helped me to improve my Spanish skills and to get better grades in the tests. In my last course, it was focused on literature and there was when I first started reading Spanish literature with Mrs. Marquez.

Then, I transferred to California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB). The classes that I took my first semester were literature and linguistics and even though I did not like reading, I always loved to read the passages assigned by Dr. Christine Fernandez. Her classes required a lot of reading, but she always chose interesting books and passages and I learned about Latino American literature. My linguistic class was taught by Dr. Pablo Oliva, there I learned to better express myself in public. Taking Spanish courses at CSUMB helped me to understand the history about my culture and to speak better in Spanish. Last semester, I took a course with Dr. Gomez. His class was focused on Spanish literature and culture, and it helped me understand not only my culture but others as well.

My main objective is to become a Spanish High School teacher. I want to go back to Alisal High where I studied. I want to make a positive impact in the Latino community at Salinas. I love to be involved in extracurricular activities in my town. I also, want to help my family and I want to be a role model for my little brother since I am the first one in my family to attend university. I am working hard to make this possible and to achieve my goals.

AREA	GRADE
Personal Biography (2)	2
Connection to studies/interest in the field (2)	2
Rationale for majoring in Spanish (2)	1.5
Goals for personal & professional development (2)	1.5
Completion of assignment (2)	2
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