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Why WorldLink?

I became interested in humanitarianism at a very young age. When I was a child, my mother would take me to rallies and protests for various political/social issues and we began discussing them the moment she found me a suitable conversationalist. My self employed, fiscally conservative/socially progressive, White father, and educator, liberal, Mexican mother have nurtured a well rounded, thought provoking perspective in their three children. This politically active, intellectual, home environment, along with my “church” of combined world teachings, Unity of San Diego, and my progressive learning environment at High Tech High Chula Vista, have given me a world oriented passion for learning, growing, and achieving.

I have always been an engaged and outspoken contributor in the classroom. My school has pushed me to express my ideas and take initiative to make them a reality. At a project based, creatively functioning school, I have always had the means to do this, and never on my own. I am inherently independent, but have been consistently encouraged to support others to reach their potential, rather than to seek competition. This mindset was valuable in the various leadership positions I’ve had the opportunity to hold, such as President of my school’s GSA, school Student Ambassador for 4 years, and elected Project Manager on several occasions. I find that leadership is a form of service, and service is the most beneficial way to understand my own ideas and that of those around me. These experiences have turned any natural qualities I already had, into the ambitious, compassionate, group leader that I am now.

WorldLink will help me to transform my motivation and experiences into the student and person that I want to be. I hope to learn how to harness my zeal into diplomatic, evidence based arguments, to become a more fluent group speaker, to strengthen my research skills and perseverance to learn about a topic in depth, and to join a community of like-minded individuals who may give me valuable connections for my future aspirations. This will be a strong foundation to build off of as I move forward into a University and Graduate program.

As a freshman in high school, I don’t yet know “what I want to be when I grow up”, but in all the changes I have gone and will continue to go through, these things have sustained: I want to help people on a large scale and see issues like child labor, barriers to women’s education, and the oppression of people in poverty disappear. I want to teach with the Peace Corps, and see every child blossom to their full potential. I want to immerse myself in a world of knowledge, culture, and new perspectives. And I want to share how I feel about the world with as many people as I can. Diane Sawyer once said, "Follow what you are genuinely passionate about and let that guide you to your destination." My passion is overflowing, WorldLink will be the experience that I need to find my destination.