

I am going to attend Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia starting in August 2007. I will be working towards a degree in computer science. I know that Computer Science is the path I should follow because I have been fascinated with computers and computer graphics from the age of eleven or twelve when I was given access to this type of technology in middle school. My parents were divorced when I was only three and my degree-seeking inspiration came when I was visiting my father. My father asked me to tell him what things I felt I was good at and what I enjoyed doing. I told him that I liked to draw and I enjoyed creating designs by using computer programs. He wanted me to be successful when I grew up and told me that I needed to set goals and that the field of computer graphics seemed to be right for me. My eyes lit up and from that point on I knew what degree I wanted to pursue when I went to college.

I have chosen this field because I believe it will always be in demand. Technology is always changing and I am fascinated with it. Companies need to have logos, business cards, business graphics on their company vehicles, etc. I am a very creative person and I could provide these companies with plenty of fresh, innovative ideas. I have also chosen this field because it will put me one step closer in pursuing my ultimate design goal of working on a Disney and/or Pixar movie. I have always wondered how much work goes into the making of one of these movies and I plan on finding out when I get the opportunity to work on one of them.

I strive to be a perfectionist. When I do something, I do it to the best of my ability. This is why the career I want to pursue while in college is being a NFL kicker and punter. I take great pride in being a kicker and punter and I love doing it. Being a part of a team is a benefit that can not be overlooked. It is a great feeling to know that a

team needs your expertise and the team is pulling for you. The comradery is a great boost to any person's self-esteem and I get satisfaction of knowing that I am a part of the team. By working together, the team can be successful.

One of my goals in life is to be well off financially so I do not have to stress about how the next bill will be paid. I want to be able to support a family and know that I can also help my parents and grandparents if necessary. Money can provide tools to help a person become successful on the outside but being "okay" with one's inner self is more important. Money can be used to support the community by allowing a person to give monetary gifts. It can also allow a person to have some extra time to volunteer and mentor. It will be important for me to remember that I need to help others achieve their dreams and goals.

I have a dream of becoming an NFL kicker and punter while owning a computer graphics company. My mother has always told me to be confident and work hard because I can make my dreams come true. Her belief in me has given me the confidence to achieve the goals that I have set for my life. By earning this degree, I will not only have learned skills which I need to succeed in the computer graphics business, but I will be learning social skills necessary to be a better leader and business owner. I know that it will be harder to achieve my goals and dreams if I do not work hard and get my degree.

In conclusion, I am going to get a degree in computer science. I will be a NFL kicker and punter and I will own a computer graphics company. I know that it will take hard work and determination and I possess these qualities. I have proven how hard I can work and how determined I am to reach my goals in life by my grades, working a part-time job, going to the weight room, and practicing my kicking and punting. I believe that

when I get my degree in computer science a lot of doors will open up for me and it will not hurt that I am a NFL kicker and punter. My education is my priority and the rest will fall into place as long as I persevere. I always say that I shoot for the moon because I know that if I miss, I will still be among the stars.

My dreams and goals are not diminished since I wrote this essay. I know what I want and believe, that whatever I set my mind, heart and body to, I can achieve. I have had to work hard for everything that I have accomplished and I do not plan on stopping now.