

My Personal Brand

I consider myself to be intrinsic to my school, to the BGC, to the other organizations I belong to, and to my family. Intrinsic means to belong naturally, or be essential to. My ability to interact with other BGC members helps create strong ties to the club for all members. I am able to support and encourage younger members while the length of my time with BGC gives me the opportunity to understand programming and pass on positive outcomes.

I participate in multiple clubs and it is my goal to use my time efficiently in the fulfillment of the objectives of those clubs as well as helping to create a sense of belonging for all the members. I am also able to help my school by maintaining good grades, being a role model, and by graduating on time. My success allows the school to be seen as a productive place and a safe place for future students.

Determination means to have a powerful will to accomplish something and see it through till the end. I believe that determination describes me well. Academically I challenge myself through the classes I take. I've taken four AP (Advanced Placement) courses and six CE (Concurrent Enrollment) courses. I could have chosen to take less difficult classes through school, but I desired the opportunity to push myself. I also joined the pre-college program, Upward Bound, in order to assist me in being prepared to take on the challenge of college. Determination does not just describe my academic life. I am determined that my younger brother will have more opportunities than I have. I need to be a role model for him to learn that there are challenges in life, but they can be overcome.

My most important values are family and education. Family is irreplaceable. I am always there for my family just as they are always there for me. As my parents must work odd hours and shifts, it falls to me to take care of my younger brother. This is not an obligation--it is an honor to know that my parents trust me to be responsible and caring. Education is also important because of what knowledge truly means to me. I am fascinated by learning. Coming from a family that struggles economically, I am well aware that in order to change the circumstances of my life I must be willing to learn. I desire a college education and that desire, fueled by my determination, will give me the ability to recreate myself, help my family in the future, and allow me the opportunity to give back to the people and programs who supported me in my journey.

I possess a couple of unique skills, or maybe strengths. I believe I have a good sense of humor and am able to find the positive side in most situations. I prefer not to dwell on negative actions or situations, rather, I find it very important to look for an upside to everything. I have learned to ask questions which encourages others to do the same. But, in reality, I ask questions because I want to truly understand the who's, the why's, and the what for's rather than just absorbing dates, names, and places. In group settings, my spontaneity and positive attitude helps break the tension and fear of unknowing. I like people, therefore, I like getting to do new things, have new experiences, and create new friendships. I guess I am a bit of an extrovert who wants to share his life with others.