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I am a very introverted individual, and for me it has often been a struggle to pursue certain goals for myself because I also tend to put myself in a position where I most often feel like I can't accomplish things. That being said, I would've never imagined in a million years that I'd be in a Hospitality degree program. When I was in high school, I knew that I really wanted to study medicine and that one day I'd either become a veterinary technician or a nurse, either one. As I grew older, I felt like that wasn't what I really wanted to run after, and after I graduated high school I was still indecisive of what I wanted to do. Up until this day, I'm still trying to figure out what I really want for myself, but I figured why not try something that seems artistic, yet professional.

Even though I've never had real job before, I do know what I'm capable of doing, and I try to be as optimistic as I can be. I believe that if you can put all the negativity aside, you can accomplish great things for yourself and the people around you. I have a lot of respect for others and their beliefs and opinions because we're all entitled to them. I don't get upset easily and I think that it's really important to have that quality within specially because things don't always run smoothly and you should always be prepared for the outcome of certain circumstances. Keeping calm is sometimes the only alternative one may have and as a future industry leader it's important to consider how I interact with others.

I can see myself maybe two years from now working inside a kitchen of a hotel chopping onions and garlic for a gourmet meal. I don't know what kind of meal it will be, but I do know that it will be exquisite. I noticed that after my first semester in college I could no longer be in my comfort zone because you will never grow as a person, and I dedicated more time to school than on anything else. I sacrificed my summer time to be in school and get ahead on the classes that I needed beforehand. There are times when I do feel overwhelmed with school because I can't dedicate time to myself as I used to, but I always tell myself that hard work pays off and there's nothing more beautiful than seeing someone trying to pursue their goals and trying to become a better person than the one you were yesterday. God willing, If I do get to become a great chef, I plan on traveling to Guatemala and maybe, just maybe opening up my own restaurant, but that's not definite because I know how much work is involved.

I love art and I love to travel and these personal interests can help me evolve professionally. I love doing my makeup and it's helped me when it comes to choosing colors that combine perfectly together and I think colors are also important in culinary and how awesome would it be when I can bake a cake and know how to really make it outstand. It would mean the world if I can actually do the things I've dreamt of accomplishing. My parents are my motivation and I'm willing to make them proud because they mean so much to me and they are the reason for why I want to pursue greater things for myself.