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My Journey to go to College

My education has been a rollercoaster to say the least. My ideas have changed from time to time and I had moments where I was about to say no, but because of family and my ideals that didn't make me 100% commit to college, but to just get it over with.

I was a normal, shy child and starting school with taking ESL classes felt different since all I knew was Spanish from my family. At first, usually I would do well in class because as a kid, I had no responsibilities or anything that I enjoyed, well, except small toy cars. Education felt like a job that would give me an award for doing well. Also, what made my case better was being the only child of a big family, so everything was to me. I would usually get presents as my birthday and Christmas would not be that far off, it almost felt like 2 birthdays. I would get video games, more hot wheels and other stuff. I would believe that as a kid, if I did good in class, more presents. Now don't get jealous as this life would go down soon.

As a kid, I didn't know any better so little by little my grades started to slip slightly as video games become addictive as they always are. Then came my downfall when I hit 5, my first cousin Nathalie. She would take the spotlight as I was pushed aside but I wasn't jealous and it

made sense, she was the new girl in town. Then, 2 years later, my 2nd cousin Jeremie came in and they would both be the new babies as I was stuck to just video games, school, and some chores. I would still receive presents, but not as much as I used to. When I thought, "at least they are my cousins, I still have the attention of my parents, right?". 2 years later, my half-brother Jonathan came in and hypnotized my family, even me. I would say he was the most adorable devil I have ever seen and he was my 1st and only brother. Now I am 10, living with my mom in a house of 2 floors, while my dad would live in the bottom. Only together for big occasions like when I graduated elementary. They only stayed at a distance because of me. Also, being the oldest sibling in my family, I was being pushed by my family to push my education and passions because I had to set the bar for my siblings.

Entering middle school, I would have a big issue with electronics. I would do it non-stop, I could only remember 2 weeks fly by like 2 days and just be on my tablet. I would obviously get grounded by my dad and he would tell me something very important. That an electronic would get me nothing, a false reality that would take me to a dead end, and he told me to look for something productive, and during middle school I would meet my true passion. She is like that cute girl that is playing hard to get, she's round, very fun and you scream goal when you pass it between 2 pairs of shoes or cones. This passion would make me put a lot of time and effort to improve my craft and my education was tossed to the side. I would see education as meaningless and had this idea of not even going to college. I would also see that so many celebrities and athletes that I would see on my tablet would be so successful without finishing school and school felt boring, to try so hard for something that didn't really reward you for doing great while other students would basically fool around, do the bare minimum and still graduate.

During this time, my cousins and brother would attend school and I was on my way to high school where I would say was the split road. I was between 2 minds. The 1st was finishing school, going to college, getting a normal job and a normal life, everything normal. The 2nd Option was pursuing my passion and dreams, chasing things that I loved to do and making a job off of doing what I love. During my high school, I was taking it as a joke and wasn't thinking about college at all and one day, I was coming from training, tired and thinking of just leaving homework for later. I was just having a conversation with my aunt about the idea of not going to college and she would say, "Luis, you would be the first person in our family to go to college. This not only does this affect you, but nathalie, jeremie, your brother, you may not see it but we use you as an example to push them to pursue their education like you. You could also chase your dreams as well, it will be difficult, but I know that just working for both things will inspire those who are on their way to do the same." This would change me as many of my other family members would say the same and I would start to take school more seriously and do both soccer and school.

During COVID, it was actually really helpful as I had virtual classes and could practice more. The most important part though was the isolation making me think of what I was going to do and I decided to do all I set my mind to because why can I not do it, I always love a challenge. I'm a very selfless person, as before, I was not jealous of my cousins and brother, I would support them equally and would help them with anything, hw, taking care of them a few times, and picking them up from school. I have always tried to help my family and friends, so that I know that while I'm chasing my goals and dreams, that they will be inspired to complete theirs and seeing them enjoy their success is enough to help push forward. So, I was deciding on what to do in college and my mom just randomly said "you're good at math, you should be an

architect”, and that was my plan B, if I was still undecided. I was interested in mechanical engineering but I wasn’t really hooked to that idea and so I was left undecided, plan B it is.

Now in college, it was very different and demanding from the start. I had to learn architecture from scratch and I have improved along the way and continuing to my associates. Today I'm doing all of these things for my family and myself. I am still deciding on what's next in my life, and I should continue or stop after my associates or bachelors. Whatever I decide, I believe in my younger siblings and I have left a trail open to them to become whatever they want to be, while I work to be what I want to be.