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My Math Journey

Ever since I was little, math has been my favorite subject. It was the only subject I was really good at. My parents used to buy me all different sorts of math games and toys to play with. They also got me fun little workbooks to complete. Unlike most people I know, I enjoyed doing math. In my elementary school, I was in the math bee for 2 years. In order to participate in the math bee, the teacher recommends two people to represent the class. Although I didn’t win, I very much enjoyed them and being apart of the competition deepened my love for math.

When I got to high school, my achievements in math continued. I got mastery on all of my math regents. During this time, there were two math classes that had a big impact on me. The first class was algebra and trigonometry, which I took my junior year. Everyone would always complain about the teacher, but she was one of the best math teachers I’ve ever had. I was nervous about being in her class at first due to everything that I heard but, I soon realized that she wasn’t a bad teacher; it just wasn’t an easy class. Though her test weren’t the easiest, she was very good at explaining and did taught in ways other teachers wouldn’t. She would use songs to help us memorize formulas and showed us easier ways to solve problems. Her class was challenging at times, but it was a good challenge for me and all I wanted to do was to overcome them and be successful.

As a result of doing well in this class I was able to take AP statistics, in my senior year. AP statistics is my favorite class I’ve ever taken. Not only was the teacher effective, he was also very entertaining. He knew how to make the class laugh and how to make them pass a test. He was the perfect combination of funny and serious. Statistics was interesting to me at the time and I really did enjoy it. On top of that, it was the highest AP score I received.

Also during my senior year, I became an algebra tutor, and I help a freshman girl get mastery on her regents. At first I didn’t know how good I was going to be as a tutor because I’ve never done it before, but I got the hang of it and helped her understand the information better. I was proud of myself, but more importantly I was really proud of her. When it was time to choose my major for college, I knew that it had to involve some type of math. I talked to my dad and he encouraged me to do electrical engineering because I was good in math and science as well. Math has impacted my life so much, that I want to work with it for the rest of my life because it is a subject that very much enjoy. If it weren’t for math, I wouldn’t be where I am today.