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Statement of Purpose

Growing up in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood, in which the majority of people are poverty stricken, it has been an uphill climb since day one for me. I come from a humble family that emphasizes work ethic and honesty; as a result, I have learned how difficult it is to rise above the rest in the search of a higher education. My youth was a troubled one, seemingly always making the wrong decisions, until I finally realized that the only way to get out of a state of poverty was through attaining a higher education. Although I came to this realization, I had no idea how I could achieve that goal, so I took a look around and realized that much of my neighborhood was infested with drugs. I soon realized that many of the people I called friends were partaking in illegal activities dealing with drug use. Once, I became conscious of the fact that I too was destined to a life of substance abuse and or violence I realized that I did not want to succumb to a live of misery. This is when I decided that the only way to aid in ending the cycle of drug abuse and violence was try and make a difference in people's lives'. Now, I realize there are many different ways of achieving this, but I am certain that one of the best ways for doing this is by holding a position of power. Since my initial realization of wanting to help people, I have taken several steps in achieving my goal of becoming a Police Officer. First, I realized I needed some sort of higher education, so I enrolled at a College of the Sequoias community college and graduated with an Associate's Degree in the Administration of Justice (2012), and then I transferred to California State University, Monterey Bay where I chose to pursue a language and culture degree with an emphasis on the Spanish culture. I chose to immerse myself in the Spanish language and culture because I strived to gain a broader understanding of both the culture, which I believe is important when dealing with people of different backgrounds, and the language, because I wanted to obtain a higher mastery for the language. During my time at CSU Monterey Bay, I immersed myself in different cultural settings, which allowed me to understand different believes and religions. With my goals, nearly completed, I will now endeavor to attend a Police Academy to help strengthen and rein enforce my original goal of helping people find an alternate route to endure and escape the hardship they have been dealt. My ultimate goal is to be able to help people realize that one's fortune is ultimately up to each individual and that they control how their life will turn out, for the most part. I believe my knowledge of diversity and multi-cultures will allow me to be too able to connect with a vast group of people and in turn allow me to help them help their selves.