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### Personal Statement

One of the most important and difficult decisions we have to face is deciding who we want to become and what pathway to take in order to pursue our goals. I was not always certain of who I wanted to be and what career I wanted to choose, I simply knew I wanted to find something that I was passionate about. Today, I am glad to find myself in the perfect place; working hard to achieve my bachelor's degree in Spanish and moving forward to become a brilliant teacher.

My story did not begin in this country. I was born in Mexico and immigrated to the United States at the age of nine. It was difficult to assimilate a new language and a new culture and I must admit that for a while I was lost in the confusion of finding my own identity. Blending two completely different cultures in one's life is not an easy task. I have always taken pride in my origins and it took me time to understand that by assimilating the culture and language of this country, I was not letting go of my Mexican heritage. In fact, I was opening my mind to a greater knowledge and perspective of life; something that I would eventually value. I am pleased to have a bicultural knowledge and background, because I view the world in a wider range and I can contribute to help others do the same thing.

I was told that I came to this country for greater opportunities and I have decided to take advantage of those opportunities, which is why I am enrolled in the California State University of Monterey Bay. I have chosen to pursue a B.A in Spanish with a concentration in literature and culture, as well as a minor in Global Studies. Due to my different experiences in life, I grew passionate to discover the culture of my heritage in a deeper matter and expanding my knowledge of the Hispanic world. I also have great respect for the Spanish language and I love every aspect of it. I feel successful every time I learn of a new culture or expand my vocabulary in Spanish; there is always something exciting to learn and as I mentioned before, I feel I am in the perfect place.

My main objective is to become a teacher of the Spanish literature and language at the high school level. I want to do this, because I would love to show the greatness of the Hispanic world to others. I want to keep my heritage alive by sharing my knowledge and I am hoping for others to gain great things from it. I always had the interest of being an educator, because I believe is a rewarding job and it would be amazing to teach the subject I am the most passionate about.

Choosing my own path was not a simple thing, but fortunately I feel am set for success. I am working hard to achieve my objectives and regardless of what it takes, I know I will get there mainly because I have the courage and motivation to do so. When things seem to fall in the perfect place, that is when you know you have made the right decision and that is simply how I feel about the carrier I have chosen.