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Personal Statement – edited draft

I click the television on and flip through the channels mindlessly until I find it, I turn the volume up and instantly I feel a connection. Watching the blue emptiness that seems to go on for an eternity and then out of nowhere a creature moves flawlessly through the water. It gets closer and closer to an unsuspecting seal, then “Boom”, an absolute explosion of force flies six feet out of the air and takes down the seal. After the episode, I immediately go to the computer looking for more, because I knew that I had found my passion and that passion is Great White Sharks.

Growing up I loved watching shark week on television and going to all sorts of aquariums. I also would go to the beach every chance I got even if it meant driving for 3 hours. One of my favorite memories that probably had the biggest impact was when I went to an aquarium in Georgia, USA and it had a conveyer belt that took you a tunnel which was in the middle of a giant tank and even better was that there were sharks in that tank. Another memory is from my trip to the Outer Banks when I was in the water, I saw a stingray just gliding through the clear water with the waves crashing right behind it. That’s when I realized I want to be a marine biologist.

I feel like I have developed my skills as a role model here at Longwood since I started playing rugby for the men’s team and even more so since I was elected as captain to represent the team. This ties into my goal of being a marine biologist through becoming a better leader and role model for my teammates. Also, the skills I have acquired like learning hard work and team work from the community and opportunities here at Longwood, such as the times we as a rugby team have done volunteer work at the local food pantry FACES and supporting other organizations during events like spring weekend here at Farmville

Not only have I developed skills that will be beneficial for future careers out of school, I have also developed even more skills that will be helpful through my academics. Just a few of these skills include completing research by analyzing research and review papers, completing steps for both ecological and microbiological lab projects, and the ability to organize and scientifically write lab reports. I see this helping in my future career, once I get my degree and begin taking my first steps out into the work force. I will need the qualities of leadership, teamwork, and hard work to progress my position in my future career. I will also need to have these skills to help the people under me when I get into a higher position at my future job.

These experiences both in and out of school that I have developed here at Longwood University will definitely assist me at I make the transition into the work force and develop a career in a job I love because “ if you love what you do, you won’t work a day in your life.”

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