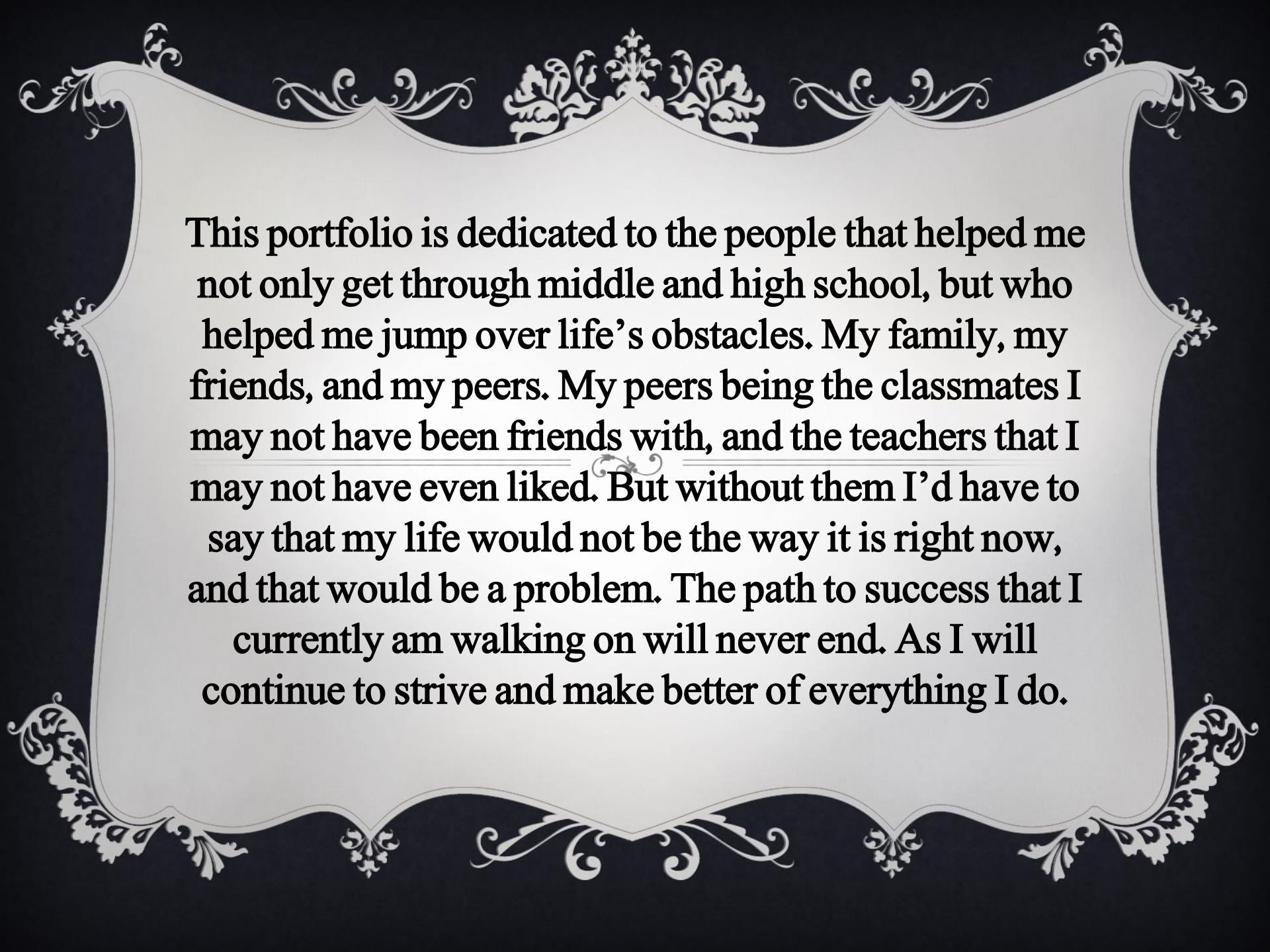


Seek joy
in what you
give,
not what you
get.

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This portfolio is dedicated to the people that helped me not only get through middle and high school, but who helped me jump over life's obstacles. My family, my friends, and my peers. My peers being the classmates I may not have been friends with, and the teachers that I may not have even liked. But without them I'd have to say that my life would not be the way it is right now, and that would be a problem. The path to success that I currently am walking on will never end. As I will continue to strive and make better of everything I do.

Dear Reader,

In this portfolio is a collection of my personal favorite writing pieces. Each piece of work is about a different topic, written at different times. As I progressed through senior year, it became more and more of a struggle to stay focused on what was most important, school. My favorite class all year, despite it being at the end of the day, was English with Mr. Mosen. Every 42 minutes in class was always a learning experience, and as the year comes to a saddening halt, I found out now how much I enjoy writing and learning how to write. With only a few days left of my High School career, I head into college with a newfound love and a new perspective of reading and writing, all in part to the education I received this past year. Writing about my life, my future, and most importantly my family, made me realize how lucky I really am, and never to take advantage of what I have. To strive to be better in everything I do was not always a goal of mine. But after experiencing the feeling of accomplishment in academics, it is a feeling that I can only hope to keep going through with. As my idol (my Grandmother) once told me, it's not about what you get. But what you give, that makes you who you are.

Enjoy,
Tim

Career Choice

A career can be seen almost as a definition of who you really are. That is of course, if your career is what you dreamed of it being. Not every career is fit for us; we each have characteristics that can make us better or worse than another at a career. Research and analysis about your personality and what your personality can help you with career wise is something that should be started early in a student's High School career. A Business Administrator, a position I never heard of until the summer of 2014. That is what I will work to be and possibly hold a position in, in the future.

Your career needs to be something that you enjoy doing, something I enjoy is being able to spread my ideas/opinions with people that actually want to hear them. Being a leader to the people around me is something I dreamed of my whole life, I always strived to make any impact I possibly could on the people around me. I am choosing this career because I know it is a field that I have the opportunity to flourish/thrive in. The power I possess mentally as well as the willpower that I bring to any situation is a strong reason as to why I am choosing this field. A position as a Business Administrator gives you the opportunity to dress in a suit and tie every day for work, also something I envisioned and dreamed of when I was younger and thinking of my future.

Benefits of being in the Business Administration field are hard to come by. Once you are first employed in such position, this is when many new possibilities come about and have the opportunity to affect your life/career. The starting salary for any worker is well above average compared to many other starting careers, which is instantly a major benefit that most people look into and acknowledge. Also, once your position has been established, as time increases there is opportunity for your role to increase and promote. You become known and respected at a level you would not be able to experience in a less intricate field. If devoted and dedicated enough, you can make yourself into a leader, an influence not only in the people around you, but in the whole world.

Some drawbacks of this career are limited "you" time. Heavy hours in office each and every day may eventually take its toll on you socially and mentally. In many cases, a Master's Degree is required just too possibly get a starting job. Getting a Master's Degree is not just a walk in the park either, you will have to take more classes and study more often. In the long run the benefits extremely outweigh the drawbacks, this is because the amount of money you have the possibility of making is worth it in my eyes, as well as the eyes of many others.

In all, an MBA in Business Administration is beneficial in various ways. It will lead you to a path filled with new opportunities and chances for you to prove yourself and your knowledge. The field is filled with promotion and availability in the growing world we live in.

Reflection

This essay was very important to me during the time I wrote this because it excited me. I took a full on read of what I am going to be spending four years of my life learning about, and I wouldn't want it any other way. I am excited not only for myself, but for my family as they are just as excited as I am. I switched my major and my college numerous times, and I am relieved that I chose the one that I did.

Mi Familia

“You don’t choose your family. They are God’s gift to you, as you are to them” - Desmond Tutu

Four hands wave to me as I take the next step. Light tears of joy streaming down the face of the two people I care about the most. Seeing this would make most people get feelings of sorrow, but it gives me the feeling of joy and passion. All they have done for me until this point, and I am choosing to leave them, to turn to the next chapter in my book. The person I have become is in part to them. Thankful and humble for all they have done, I turn around and move forward.

Two people with completely different personalities, but both with the same loving heart. Whether I make them mad or upset at any moment, they still love me as much as they did from day one. A bond with your family as a whole or even with just one member of your family is a blessing, a blessing that I was lucky enough to be gifted with. I am very lucky. The bond my parents and I created and leaned on since I first spoke their names is something that you can create only through love. A bond that cannot be broken no matter how powerful a force is ever put on it. Something I wish I could see between my friends and their parents, but that connection just is not there.

If I were to explain all they did for me throughout the years of living with them would turn out to be a four hundred page book. But the impact that both had on me is something that I will live the rest of my life with, an impact that I can never forget. Unique qualities and traits that I have acquired from them are like no other adult would have been able to teach me. A character that grew stronger and stronger as the years passed by was not only noticed by them, but the people around me. Caring about others before myself, thinking ethically, and finding the best in every situation are only a few. Although I may not say thank you or tell them how much I love them for what they have done for me as much as I should, they internally know how thankful I am through just body language and the respect that I give them. The mature and role model of a man I have become is always what they wished for in a son, and I was able to make their wish come true.

Goodbye does not mean forever, as I will see you soon. We shall rejoice quite soon, this time not being a moment of sorrow but a moment for joy. All I have learned will not be forgotten, as it will stay with me and help pave the way I construct the rest of this long road. The road that I call, life.

Reflection

- ▶ The college essay had an extreme level of importance to me. After having no prior knowledge on how to write this essay, I was kind of scared at first. Hearing the word “college” still makes me nervous as we speak, but I am slowly starting to stray away from this feeling. I am almost ready to start completing and finalizing my common app, and also am starting to hand them in to colleges. Having a sister already in college, I almost know how my mom is going to react when I get the letters back. Even more, her emotions when I make my final choice and place a deposit. Tears will be shed by both me and my mother; I’m just waiting for the time to come. Writing about my family and my future really brings out the best of me, and makes me realize how lucky I am to have them to support me in each and every thing I do.

A Place

**There is a place, where we all can go
Where we need time away from both friend and foe
Where resolutions can be made, and time moves rather slow**

**Where I can to think to myself in peace
There, no flaws are pointed out, no crack nor crease
There, I am not seen as a puzzle, but rather as a piece**

**Does anybody know of this place, I sure hope not?
It is cold and windy outside, but here it is hot
It carry's along with it new chances, a second shot
Some think practices like such are wrong**

**I say I need this place, when times are tough, days are long
Like birds in the morning, it sings me this soothing song
I have gotten to a point, where I was ready to flip**

**Troubling to find myself, my hands begin to slip
Heart getting heavy, my shirt began to rip
I need my sacred place, I need to get a grip**

Reflection

This was one of my personal favorite pieces. I wrote it on my own time at home and I believe that is why I enjoyed it so much. After writing this in poem form, my perspective of poetry began to change. My whole perspective on writing actually. I took pride in this piece and really took my time to find the best possible words while writing it.

My Grandmother

Grandmother, the mother your mother or the mother of your father. Mother being included in what we call such people in our life, usually have similar characteristics to your parents and also treat you in a familiar way like they do their own children. Grandmother: Passionate, Caring, Thoughtful, all in which can describe most mothers and grandmothers.

Nancy Ellen Christman, a name to some but a mother to others. Many often refer to the phrase "To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world". I believe this phrase is relatable to the relationship that i have with this woman who goes by the name of Nancy. Random acts of kindness and generosity are the highlights of Nancy's days. Greeting everyone with her presence is common for Mrs. Christman. She finds the fun and joy in all situations, as well as the opportunity to capitalize on something if the opportunity is given. At 67 years and 134 days, Nancy seeks to bring out the best in not only her family, but her friends as well. Time spent with the Christman family is almost like i am in class, learning. But not learning how to solve equations or how to measure the density of an object. Rather learning how to take the most of the time you are given in life. Change is a word that most people dislike hearing. "I changed; i will never cheat on you again". An often heard statement by many. But does change always mean going from bad to good.

Or can someone figure out a way to change from good... to even better? In the defense of Nancy in who i love and care dearly about, i believe she found a way to change me from good to better. New perspectives on life every time i converse with Nancy are brought about without thought. Without a college education, it was not easy for my grandmother to make it 67 years in the North-Eastern Area. High taxes and two children she had to care for were not easy for her, nor would it be easy for any single mother. Working any way possible (besides on the street corner) is a risk/opportunity she was willing to take, for her family. This making Nancy stronger, wittier, and more interdependent. With the street smarts of a potato, but the heart of a mother of a thousand children. Nancy made the most in all she did and can change negativity to optimism just with the power of her wise remarks. A genuine caregiver and a Woman of ethical and impeccable ambition, i am lucky enough to call this Nancy, my grandmother.

Beside for a moment this woman being my grandmother, she is the same to my friends of my age. Authentic and deep acts of kindness enlighten the hearts and faces of everyone. Being the type of women that my grandmother is, it is impossible to achieve a status in my heart like she does. A status i hope to have in the hearts and minds of my children and grandchildren, if i am able to make it that far.

Reflection

This was one of my greatest essays because it was the easiest. It was the easiest because when I write about my family I see the best in them, and I enjoy showing them off. I consider myself to be very lucky with the family I have, without them I would not be where I am at. Although I only see my grandmother once a month, her grace and bliss is always felt when she is near



Who is my mother?

A woman, a kind soul, a care giver, a lover
When cold never hesitating to give me her cover
Making light of all my ideas, even such that are bummers
Shining bright in my life, like the sun in the summer
As if compared to the sun she is more than just a star
But somebody who is close, even when our locations are far
Always looking over me, her hand by my side
Shower her all respect, her rules in which I abide
If I am sad, her shoulder is where I cry
But somebody who's respect would be lost, if to tell a lie
To look in her eyes, and have to say goodbye
Is something I can never withstand, until the day that I die
A connection so strong between one another
Could never be, if Jackie wasn't my mother

Reflection

This happened to be a very beneficial piece to me inside and outside of school. I wrote this as a last second mothers day gift when I was camping at smiths point. My mother being a cry baby just like myself, decided to have me read it out to her because she could not handle it.

About the Author

The author of this portfolio, Tim Stines, was born on May 31st of 1997. He lives in Farmingville with his mother, his father and little sister. His older sister is a Junior in college.

In his free time, he is most likely to be working. He currently works as a pizza deliverer but is looking forward to lifeguarding in the summer. When he is not working during the day you can catch him at the gym. But at night if he is not out with his friends or his family, he is most likely watching a series on netflix. He hopes to achieve a bachelors degree in Sports Management while attending York College of Pennsylvania. As well as getting an internship as a coach for a local middle or high school.

Tim is a family-oriented man and always is trying to make his parents proud of him. Challenging himself and always striving to be better is a strong quality that he possesses.

