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My Dreams of Becoming a Lawyer

“I want to be a lawyer”—my answer to those who are wondering. When people look at me they are surprised by my future goals and aspirations. Everyone has goals in their life and if nobody is scared of their goals, nobody is setting their goals high enough. I have been more than encouraged by those that doubt my abilities. My parents, my peers, my self-doubt—all in which try to steer me in another direction for my future career path, but it has not stopped me. It has only made me want it more. Others, like Obama, Sandra Cisneros, and Sherman Alexie have experienced discouragement like I have.

In the Article discussing Obama’s history it details events how nobody around him thought he could prosper in highly educated class, like college courses. I am attending school on a football scholarship, but that won’t be there forever and it isn’t my number one goal for my future. Much like Obama, I have had my doubters. There is always people there telling me there will be nothing after football for me, so to make my chance worth it. Everybody has “a particular way of looking at the world,” (Dreams from Father) just like they have a way of examining me and setting up low standards for me. I rather live above the standards and the stereotypes of me; I want to give doubter reason to doubt them. This involves independent thinking because with all the doubt that I receive, just like Obama, I have to overcome them and rise above it all.

According to my parents, I will be making my living off of football, but I know that won’t be there forever and I might not have a chance to make it all the way. That is why I need to continue going to school to pursue a career I believe I can do for the rest of my life. Sandra Cisneros one who was given a job at what her dad believed was in the best interest of the whole family, just like my parents. Luckily, she did not follow her dad’s orders and it turned out to be what was best for her and it worked out for the family. As a close knit family like mine, being the only son, I feel like I need to find a way to provide for my whole family. I am trying to see how far football can take me, as well as doing what I want for myself and my future which is trying to become a lawyer.

The article that made me realize the most was “Superman and Me,” by Sherman Alexie. At a young age this boy taught himself to do all literacy on his own through a superman comic book. That is not just heart-felt, but very inspiring. This boy found the materials needed to become successful and make himself worthy of a career. Nobody is going to be there to teach me how to become a lawyer; it will take years of learning. In the end, it is all very much worth the struggles, but it does take hard work and dedication. This takes part in independent thinking because having the mental determination and dedication to achieve a long awaited goal is rewarding and has a positive outcome. I am going to have to learn how to accomplish goals on my own; there will be nobody to show me the right way, until I learn on my own. I want to be proud of my accomplishments, knowing I got there on my own. In the end I will be surprised of all I am capable of accomplishing.

There is always going to be individuals who doubt me, those that support me, problems that are meant to stop me, but I will never stop. There are going to be times where I come close to giving up, but it takes me to a mental state of why I wanted to do this in the first place. Nobody is going to stop myself, but me. Nobody is going to make me change my mind, but me. Nobody is going to be able to push through the problems, but me. It takes a strong-minded individual to be able to accomplish hard and time consuming careers. Just like these others who have overcame so much to get to the place they are today; I would like to look back and be proud of all I accomplished. Doing what is in my best interest, not listening to doubters, and overcoming obstacles is what I will be able to look back at the day I become a lawyer. I will become more mentally strong, mentally motivated, and emotionally dedicated to accomplish my aspirations. I will be a lawyer, without a doubt and with many struggles. I will be able to overcome it all.