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2009-2010 Cincinnati Area Mensa Scholarship Essay Contest

3rd Place Winner

Academically speaking, I have been preparing my whole life for my future. I have worked hard day in and day out both in and out of school to set myself up for acceptance at a top notch university with generous scholarships. Since I was small running a lemonade stand on my street, business has been my passion and negotiation my language. My goal is to attend undergraduate school for business as a major, double minor in both Chinese and Spanish, and attend law school to become an international business lawyer for large corporations and be a legal aide for those without a voice in Hispanic countries.

I have been a member of my school's National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society since 2008. I am currently taking my fourth year of Spanish through my high school and am inching ever closer to fluency. I have conscientiously taken strides toward my ultimate career goal, an international lawyer, by participating in my high school's mock trial team. I have been a witness for the past two years and have worked hand in hand with federal lawyers on our case. Recently, I was announced as a National Merit Commended Scholar.

I also have had experience working in the business world since 2008. I applied for my current job at American Home Works in September 2008 and have been a part of the business administration office and public relations management team since. American Home Works is a small business with a small office and being in a low profile business environment has made me realize my love of the business world in general. I am involved with insurance companies and real estate agencies regularly, so I also get a look into the world of high profile business.

My studies of the Spanish language and culture over the past few years have really been a joy for me and I am extremely excited to continue my studies throughout college and into my professional career. I believe that I am extremely blessed with the opportunity to attend college and plan on using my degrees to found or join a non-profit organization to help underprivileged people in Hispanic countries.

I have been working the past four years to be fluent in Spanish and plan on adding Chinese to my repertoire in college. After earning a business degree from an accredited college I plan on attending law school to be an international business lawyer. My hard work is reflected in my various academic accolades and plan on continuing to work hard throughout my higher education to better not only myself, but those who do not have the opportunities that I have been so blessed to have.