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Personal Statement

## **Spanish**

Throughout my school experience, I have wanted to major in different things. When I was in high school, I wanted to be a social worker or a nurse. As soon as I told my mom that I was interested in becoming a nurse she began asking me if I was ready to deal with drawing blood. Thanks to her questions, I started panicking because I started asking myself, “what if I don’t learn how to give vaccines and what if I hurt them?”. So from those thoughts, I was motivated to become a social worker in a hospital. I wanted to help other people with financial issues and provide them with emotional support. In my junior year of high school, I took a Spanish Office Careers class. I was fascinated with that class because the way the teacher taught the course was amazing. In fact, she looked as if she enjoyed what she was doing, and she showed great passion for her job. Since then, I changed my mind again.

Spanish has always been part of my life. I grew up listening to it and speaking it. I would say that I am glad to be able to know this language because as we all know, Spanish is one of the most used languages here in the United States. It makes me happy to know that I am able to help others by translating documents or interpret when I am in a store and I see a person struggling to communicate. For example, I have seen occasions where an elderly person is having a hard time communicating in a store because the cashier does not understand what the elderly person is asking for. In addition, there have been times when I have seen a little kid interpret what their family is saying.

I chose CSUMB because it has a Spanish major, it is close to home, and it is affordable. An advantage that I have is that my parents do not charge me for rent, but, if I decided to leave town, I would not feel comfortable with what I was doing because I know that my parents weren’t getting paid that much. They weren’t going to be able to support me with expenses since I have a younger brother and a younger sister that needs more of them. I was going to feel guilty for asking them for money for my rent and more responsibilities. And if I stayed here, it would be more economical for my parents and I.

My main goal is to become a Spanish teacher. When I started attending CSUMB, I wasn’t sure if I wanted to teach high school or college. But after I did my service hours, I was convinced that I want to teach high school because the students are more responsible compared to elementary school. I want to help students to have a positive future that will help them find a good job, direct my students to the right path, and make them feel proud of themselves and want to continue with their education.