

“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.”

~ Pele

I have a purpose in my life and that purpose is going to college, playing soccer on a college team, and later studying to become a system engineer. I want to be something in life; I want to give a good example to my younger siblings. I don't want people to find it erratic that I can't go to college because like my mom says, “No one is going to do it for you, you have to make it happen, it all depends on you.”

I enjoy learning new skills in soccer by playing with other people because each of them has a skill in soccer that I can learn from. I enjoy watching soccer games on television because I learn and get to see how the players play during the game, and when I'm on the field I can play similar to them. Most of all, I love it when my mom is always telling me how I'm playing because she either tells me I'm playing very well or that I need to do some sort of thing to improve during the game. Her advice makes me a better and stronger player; her advice fortifies my mind during the game and during school.

I would relate soccer to school because in a soccer game there's competition and at the end of a game it proves which team is better and stronger; and this all relates to school because in school there is also competition. Students are fighting to get scholarships for college; they are fighting for a position in sports teams, and also who gets the better grades. School and soccer are similar because in both, you must achieve certain criteria, you have to have determination and you have to really want it.

This is why if I want to be a good soccer player, I also have to be a good student. That means when I'm struggling in a class, I seek for help, and study extra hard and pay extra attention in class. To improve in the classes I'm not doing so well, I attend a homework club AVID hosts. I enjoy coming to this club because I like to learn from other people and I get to do that in this club, also get to listen to my peers' advice when I'm in need of help. I enjoy learning new skills because I know that later those skills will help me for future purposes. This club helps me get my homework done, improve in the classes that I'm having difficulty with and learn new skills. For example, my AVID teacher, Ms. Macchio finds the best way to help us improve. In order for us to improve and understand the concept better she invites her colleagues to homework club, and there they help me with the subject I'm struggling in. This is why I'm proud to be in the AVID program because I know I can get the help I need in order to be the person I want to be in the future. What's more, as Pele says, success is the “love of what you are doing or learning to do” and AVID has already helped me love what I'm learning.

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