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*"Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever."*



I began my community college journey at DMACC during my freshman year of high school. The people were wonderful, and I got accepted into the Honors Program and PTK. I have now been with both programs for the last year and a half, and I am on track to graduate with both my AA and AS by the end of my Junior year of high school. I hold leadership positions in both my PTK chapter and at my high school. I dream of being a teacher, and these roles, along with the roles I hope to continue to gain, have helped shape and drive my passion. I currently work 2 jobs, which has also helped drive my passion and provided experience working with children in an educator setting. All of my experiences and the opportunities I have been provided have made me who I am today, and I strive to be the best version of myself in order to uplift and support all those around me in becoming their best self as well.

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ABOUT ME

I am a 16-year-old, dual-enrolled high school and college student. I am currently enrolled 3 places, Ames High School, Des Moines Area Community College, and Iowa State University. I am currently working towards my degree in elementary education, and I currently work at Fareway, a grocery store found throughout Iowa and some bordering states, and well as Yellow Brick Road, a daycare that can also be found throughout Iowa and Minnesota. I had to quit sports for school, but I have done a bit of everything, from basketball, to volleyball, cheer, karate, soccer, gymnastics, dance, softball, and more. I owe all that I have to my family, friends, and the educators who have helped me along the way. I love to travel, and I recently went on an international trip to Germany, the Czech republic, and Switzerland, where I got to learn a lot about myself and my heritage and culture. I play clarinet in my high school marching band, and bass clarinet for our concert band. I love music, my community, and education, and I am involved in multiple clubs at my school. I have lived in 5 states in my lifetime: Missouri, Arizona, Minnesota, Illinois, and Iowa, all of which I proudly represent! I also was a recipient of the Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship for this semester!



LEADERSHIP



I am currently a co-leader of the Cyclone Future Educators club at my high school, as well as serving as a co-chair for a book drive being hosted by the Ames High Key Club. I have hosted a community bingo event at Northridge, a living home in Ames, IA, and I have worked on volunteer projects such as cleaning up the highway or community gardens. I serve as a chapter officer for the Tau Phi chapter of PTK, as well as the Band Librarian and a marching band guide at Ames High. At the daycare I work at I have the role of Assistant Teacher. With that I have led Sunday School groups at multiple churches, and I am currently working to help out with the kids at my church.



CAREER GOALS

I have dreamt of being a teacher since I was 5 years old. I have always loved the field of education, but the grade level that sticks out to me the most is 5th-grade. I plan to teach in Iowa, and I am on track to teach by the time I turn 20. I look forward to having a classroom that is truly my own where young minds can learn and continue to grow, but for now, I hold my assistant teacher role at the daycare very proudly and perform to the best of my abilities.



VOLUNTEERING

I have participated in multiple volunteer projects throughout my life, from my early years working with my Girl Scout troop to help out local food banks and build, school garden, and trash cleanup, to helping out with churches in Sunday School or planting flowers around the community. I also volunteer at an event in Story City, IA known as Scandinavian Days, where Scandinavian culture is celebrated and shared, while also hosting different events for the community, specifically the children, in which my friends and I volunteer at by watching the bounce houses or laser tag. I also do multiple things with the Ames High Key Club, where we pick up trash in the community, host book drives, paint free libraries, and so much more. My dad is a member of the Ames Jaycees, and I help out from time to time with their volunteer work as well; however, I am not an official Jaycees member, seeing as I do not meet the age requirement. I recently helped out with a cooking class hosted by the Arc of Story County for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and I have also helped out with many Special Olympics events. Our PTK chapter is currently working on making tie blankets for a local hospital, and we just completed, a very successful, Treats for Troops, where we collected donations at multiple Fareway locations to send items out to the Iowa National Guard while they are overseas. I am a member of the DMACC Future Business Leaserds of America (FBLA) and have participated in volunteer projects with them, such as working drink stations at the World Food and Music Festival in Des Moines, IA. I have also participated in a community garden cleanup recently with Ames High SHEPH, a club focused on helping eliminate poverty and hunger. I am always looking for new volunteer opportunities to strengthen and better my community.



FAMILY



I am the middle child of 3, with my brother, Daniel, being the youngest, and my sister, Anna, the oldest. My dad works at Iowa State University, Fareway, and Mary Greeley Medical Center and my mom works at Kurrent Electric. my family have always supported me in all that I do, and I love them with my whole heart. My grandparents are some of the sweetest people I know, and my dad and I visit them weekly.

