

Dream Scholarship
Essay

A strange feeling came over me as I woke that morning. The thoughts fresh on my mind were of the task at hand. I was beginning a new today, starting fresh in a new world, and as I struggled to organize my jumbled thoughts, the passage of a few short minutes helped relieve my mind. All of a sudden I was there, sitting in the middle of a class surrounded by people I didn't know and couldn't express my thoughts nor emotions to. The crisp morning air of late August pervaded the room. It was a nerve-racking experience since I couldn't communicate with anyone at my reach. I felt anguished and stranded like a prisoner in an abandoned island.

Though I didn't realize it at the time, my greatest accomplishment was having the privilege to live in the United States and gaining the acquisition of the English language at such an early age, along with the mastery of Spanish. At the age of five it was so difficult for me to learn English at first because the language spoken at home was Spanish. I was not able to remove myself from the mind set of speaking Spanish. But, I was willing to make the sacrifice with the encouragement of my parents and my determination to learn the language at school. Once I had achieved this goal in my later years, I knew I would overcome many obstacles pertaining to my future aspects of life. As my childhood progressed I became more confident with my understanding of the two languages. Although my parents didn't quite master the language I was able to help them feel comfortable in communicating the English language. For example, I'm never going to forget the time when I lived in New York at the age of 13 and helped my parents get out of a misunderstanding with some federal agents who spoke only English. After I explained my parents' position, the officials found out they had confronted the wrong people. I had used my knowledge of the two languages to help my family. I wasn't going to have a language barrier restrict my possibilities in obtaining a bright future.

By given the opportunity to live in the United States I have been able to obtain many accolades based on my accomplishments and the obstacles overcome. My ambition has inclined the conviction I have in making a positive living in the United States. Not only has this country provided me with a great variety of choices I could chose from, but it has paved the way for the many achievements I aspire in obtaining. In fact, ever since my parents established a living in the United States my personal goals have not only led the way, but also paved the way towards my educational goals. For example, by having a great education and being privileged to attend a well recognized school I have been able to excel in my studies and excel among my fellow classmates, who have encouraged and motivated me to believe in myself.

Throughout my journey in life I had been able to confront one of the most important challenges, overcoming a language barrier in the United States. The developmental bilingual approach in my studies has emphasized my goal of being equally fluid in both languages. I was committed to put my will, dedication and all my interest into learning how to speak and manage English properly with the help of my parents. This achievement has led the way to many other different paths I would be willing to take in an upcoming future. Even though I still have a long way to go, I don't plan on giving up my aspirations and long term goals. Through my education and personal experiences I will be able to exceed my limits and strive for the many goals I pursue in obtaining, especially that of becoming a doctor. By living in the U.S. I know that those goals will be achieved because it has gotten me this far and I don't plan on letting myself nor my parents down. This has always been the country of many opportunities and I am willing to take that chance in pursuing a medical career I know will get me ahead in life in such a wonderful and prosperous country as the United States. Although, my parents implementing all of the influence upon me is the reason that I am here today, to get a higher education and to make the most of my life.