

California State University
Northridge Career Center

Personal Statement Sample: Transferring

I inherited many things from my parents, particularly their shy nature. I have never been a confident public speaker and my parents never pressured me to break out of my shell. "It will happen on its own," they told me. They thought that discovering what I love to do was more important than dwelling on what I don't love to do. This has been the best advice I have ever received from my parents.

It wasn't until high school that I realized that I loved to write. I not only excelled in my honors English courses, but I was also involved in the student run literary magazine, The Eagle. I applied and was accepted to X University where I planned to pursue my B.A. in English. During my first semester, I obtained an internship at an online newspaper and my goals shifted. While interning, I became fascinated with the fast pace of a newspaper and felt inspired by the idea of sharing information with the public through writing. When I interviewed people, I was suddenly no longer shy. I was confident in talking with them and even more confident in expressing my story through words.

I began taking more courses on writing and less on literature. However, I still hungered to learn more about journalism. I then realized that rather than an English degree, I am passionate about journalism. Through my research, I discovered CSU Northridge's undergraduate degree in Journalism and the classes look great. I feel that I can contribute strongly to this major. Please consider me for B.A. Degree in Journalism.