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Going forward

Moving to a new country was a huge change for me, especially because I had to learn a new language in a very short time. At first, everything felt confusing and overwhelming. I didn't understand much, and it was hard to express myself around others. But I was determined to learn quickly, so I practiced every day by watching my favorite shows in English, speaking mainly English to my friends even if they spoke Spanish too, and even trying to think in the new language.

As I improved, I realized that learning this language wasn't just about helping myself fit in. It gave me the ability to help others who were also struggling, whether it was classmates, neighbors or my own parents who needed support. Being able to communicate made me feel more confident and connected to my new community. It showed me that language is more than words, it is a bridge that brings people together.

Growing up, I quickly learned that the world doesn't run itself. Helping out with chores, understanding the complexities of bills, and navigating different languages became essential parts of my daily life. These weren't just tasks; they were opportunities to grow, to develop responsibility, and to learn the value of hard work.

The skills I learned at home found a new purpose in my dual immersion program. I saw classmates struggling with language barriers like when I first started, and it became natural for me to lend a hand. I learned patience, the importance of clear communication, and how to bridge those gaps. It was about creating a more inclusive environment where everyone could thrive. In many ways, my experiences at home prepared me to be an active, supportive member of my community. It's a continuous cycle, where the lessons I learned at home translate into actions that help others,trying to build a more connected and compassionate world.

Growing up in a low economy environment has deeply shaped my view of the world and my goals for the future. Living in a place where resources and opportunities were limited, it showed me firsthand how important it is for communities to have accessible, well designed spaces that serve everyone's needs. This experience sparked my love for architecture being not just as an art form, but as a powerful tool to create accessibility and improve lives.

Pursuing a degree in architecture at the University of Oregon means more to me than just learning how to design buildings; it means learning how to design spaces that are welcoming and usable for all people, regardless of their background or economic status. Architecture combines my passion for art with my desire to help the community. I want to create environments that are

not only beautiful but also functional and inclusive, making daily life easier and more enjoyable for everyone.By studying architecture at the University of Oregon, I can use creativity to address real world problems, especially those related to accessibility and equity. I believe that thoughtful design can break down barriers and provide opportunities for people who might otherwise be overlooked. This career path allows me to do something I love expressing myself through art while making a meaningful impact on the communities I care about.