Maria Camacho

Personal statement #1

Coming from parents with a third grade education has always served as a constant reminder that I have to succeed in anything I choose to pursue in life. Arriving into the country my parents had the same cliché dream as everyone else, “To have a better life”. I have come to admire my father who has taken his third grade education and worked his way up the chain and became a cable technician my mom on the other end has worked hard her whole life and is now disabled, and has overcame hardships from losing her first husband in a murderous tragedy to having to raise a drug addict son on her own, she has always been an amazing role model. They are my motivation to be my best. They have really helped guide me into who I am today.

Growing up with strict parents in the small town of Lindsay CA has not been my ideal situation but in way I thank my parents for not letting me get lost in the crowd but standing out from it. My parents luckily had already migrated to California before they had my sisters and me. I look at how far my parents have come from humble beginning to where we are now, and tell myself there is no reason why I can’t succeed. I will be the first of my family to attend a university straight out of high school and I intend to major in Agriculture getting a degree in Animal science and a minor in criminology to eventually become an Animal Cruelty Investigator.

Since I was young I've always dreamt of doing something in the agriculture field due to the fact that it’s a growing industry that need positions to be fill each and every single day not a lot of people realize that “You can’t throw a rock without hitting agriculture”. Once I got to High school I enrolled into an agriculture elective and have not looked back ever since, I have enjoyed every single bit of it. Being enrolled in the class you automatically become a member of the FFA chapter which opens up so many opportunities for everyone. I have competed in numerous events for example livestock judging and cooperative marketing and have gotten 1st place in a few. I love to compete and to be around animals. I just wouldn’t be able to imagine myself anywhere else but in agriculture field.

This has brought me to the conclusion that UC Davis is the university for me. I have become a hard independent worker, and pour my heart and soul out into everything I do. At UC Davis I would not only produce quality work I would also hope to be part of the Livestock judging team and happen to know it has been successful in the past few years by making it to nationals and would love to be part of the experience the upcoming year. UC Davis will be one step closer to reaching my goals.