Reflection

The assignment I am most proud of is my timed write on the book *The Great Gatsby*. I wrote the essay junior year after reading the novel second semester. Throughout junior year I excelled on my essays because the books we wrote them on really interested me. For the essay I had to pick a main character from the book and explain how over the course of the novel the character tried to escape the world they came from. I choose Myrtle Wilson because she truly wanted to escape the world she lived in in the book. Out of the four grading categories I received the highest score, a four on all of the categories. I am very pleased with this essay I wrote last year and how I answered the prompt by using a lot of evidence while citing the book.

Looking at my transcripts there is not a trend in my subjects over the years. Over the four years I spent in high school I received seven B’s and over thirty A’s. I never truly struggled in a class where I had to accept a C. Whether it was an AP class or a normal class I always tried my best. The trend of B’s second semester is higher than the B’s first semester and that shows how I should have kept up my work ethic at the end of the year. I am proud of myself for always receiving an A in Spanish throughout the three years. It was hard for me but I continued to take Spanish and do my best. I also grew by senior year by my choosing of my classes. I chose classes that best fit me and have been only getting A’s and I am very proud.
While looking over some of the classes I received a B in I recognize they are also the same classes I had long term substitutes in after my assigned teacher left. This makes me frustrated with the school but even more frustrated with myself. I wish I pushed myself harder to try to teach myself when the teacher did not. This allows me to grow later in life by pushing myself to be better. If I do not understand something I should find another teacher or student to help me understand. I can grow more with all subjects in college by speaking up and finding help when I need it. If I sit back and dwell on the teaching situation I only end up hurting my grade.

Great Oak has prepared for college in many ways. Over the years I took AP classes that taught me the work ethic needed to take a difficult class and receive a good grade. I first took AP English and that allowed me to develop my reading and writing skills. I learned how to write essays in a hour rather than a week span like the classes I was in before. The next year I took AP Environmental Science and now I will be taking that science class in the spring. Even though the college class will be harder, I have a whole years experience with the material. Along with the AP classes I also maintained a job through junior and senior year. This taught me how to manage my school work while working 3-4 times a week. I am looking for a job at Northern Arizona University because I now have the work ethic needed to maintain a job and get good grades.
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