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Going away to college was one of the best decisions I ever made. I think that people need to escape their norm and get out of where they feel safe to really find out who they are. Originally from San Diego, I moved to the Bay Area in fall of 2005 to attend school. I am a third year Broadcast Journalism major at San Jose state, where one day I hope to be reporting all over the world. I am striving to become either an anchor or a reporter. More than anything I want to get out there and experience all that life has to give me and I feel that reporting is the path to take me there.

Always being an extremely active and involved woman, throughout high school I made sure to participate in a number of different clubs ranging from the Thespian Society to Student Council. I think it is important to partake in a number of diverse organizations and believe that everyone should try something a little out of their comfort zone at least once.

My freshman year as a Spartan I was lucky enough to become a member of Alpha Phi Sorority. I think out of all my experiences so far at college, Alpha Phi has been the best. I take great pride in having my sorority tagged onto my name and feel as if I have grown so much as a woman from belonging to such an exceptional association. I believe that the leadership, organization and communication skills I have already gained from being part of Alpha Phi will only better my chances in pursuing my carrier choice of broadcasting.

I am loving every minute of my college career and cannot wait to take all that it has given me and use it in the real world. I have grown so much from moving away from home and am extremely grateful to have had this experience.