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I feel grateful that I am alive today. I am a combat veteran of the US Army having served 12 months in Operation Iraqi Freedom and 13 months in South Korea near the DMZ during my 4 years of service. I began my academic journey at San Jose State University in 1999 until the events of 9/11 forever changed my path. Overwhelmed by a sense of patriotism and the realization that financial help was necessary to complete college, I joined the United States Army. The discipline, leadership, and regained sense of focus and determination are the positives that I took from the experience.

I grew up in Southern California listening to the legendary sports broadcaster Vin Scully. I was always so fascinated how Scully could not only paint a beautiful picture of the game of baseball but teach the listener something they didn't necessarily know about life in general. It was then that I decided I had to become a sports broadcaster.

The broadcast journalism sequence at SJSU allows students to learn the constantly changing technologies that exist in the media today. This training coupled with the unbelievable accomplishments of our department alumni, and the unmatched support and knowledge provided by our professor's prepare us for the industry.

I am a senior majoring in RTVF and minoring in broadcast journalism. I am receiving real life experience on 90.5 KSJS. Combining my love for SJSU athletics and my wide knowledge of sports in general, I now co-host two sports talk shows, Sports Weekly and The Score. I began my play by play broadcasting career this semester with Women's Volleyball, Hockey and Football broadcasts. This past summer I hosted my own Jazz show and had the great honor of emceeding the Smith Dobson Tribute Stage at the 18th Comcast San Jose Jazz Festival.

I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given and with graduation on the horizon I am confident that my time here at SJSU and my life experiences have prepared me for the media world.