

## **College Statement of Purpose**

My childhood memories are filled with visiting my four cousins in Aggieland. I loved being a part of the Aggie traditions at football and baseball games. My plan was to follow them to A&M. However, my college path took a detour when I was offered the opportunity to play baseball at Abilene Christian University. I followed my dream of playing college ball over my dream of wearing the coveted Aggie ring.

I was initially so excited about playing college ball but then it became a job instead of the sport that I loved for most of my life. I realized that I no longer loved baseball enough to sacrifice the time that it consumed. Once baseball was over for me, I acknowledged that it was the only thing that brought me to ACU. I tried to make it work but I continued to wonder what my college years would be like if I was at A&M. I frequently visited my friends in College Station which only made me long to become an Aggie that much more. With each passing week, I realized that I would always regret it if I didn't try to transfer to the university that had always felt like home to me.

I moved to College Station in June 2016, and it feels like home. Since then, I've become core complete at Blinn College. I met with A&M adviser, Mr. Stavinoha, who after hearing my career plan guided me toward the University Studies-Leadership degree plan. My excitement began to build as he described the flexibility of the degree plan with the leadership concentration and two minors of my choosing. When I was informed that I could choose sports management and business administration as my two minors, I knew that USAL-LED would perfectly support my business idea.

The name for my business idea is "The Utopian Wellness and Fitness Center". It is a wellness and fitness facility that houses a complete gym with exercise classes, a nutritional supplement center, chiropractors, physical therapists, homeopathic doctors, acupuncturists and massage therapists. Nutritional, spiritual, and psychological counseling would also be available. After describing my idea, it is evident that I will need a strong education to support my career goals.

To open and manage a business, I must develop personal leadership skills through the USAL-LED program. Through it, I'll acquire knowledge in leadership theory and change theory, and how to use that information in real-world applications. How to build a cohesive and loyal team is something I'll learn in order to create a thriving work environment and flourishing business. The leadership curriculum and the minors of sports management and business administration will clearly prepare me for the successful implementation of my business plan.

I am eager to start earning the University Studies - Leadership degree offered at A&M. Although I took a detour, I feel strongly that I am on the correct path now. I've always loved the friendly, family-like, spirited traditions that define the personality and character of A&M. Please let me come home and be a part of the Aggie family.