

The Life and Times of Juan Ruiz...

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The Journey

Where to begin one might ask. Lets start by revisiting the journey I took to get to where I am today. My life has been a roller coaster full of ups and down, but quite frankly, there's been more highs than lows. I am blessed to be in position to be the first member of my family to earn a bachelor's degree; an accomplishment I will cherish forever.

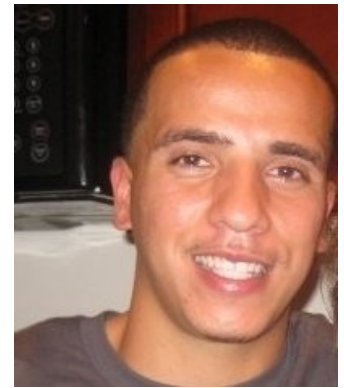
To get to where I am today I have had to overcome more than your average student. I am student who come doesn't come from much ,besides a solid united family, but have used my hardships as a motivation to reach and accomplish my goals.

Even though neither of my

parents have more than a high school education, they have taught me many life lessons that have molded me into the young man I am today.

I have grown from an immature teenager who had no clue what he wanted to accomplish in life to a young adult who is motivated, determined and committed to a successful future.

What drives in my journey is the want and desire to more than "average." "Average" to me is a curse that so many in our society settle for. I purposely set high goals because I want to accomplish so much in life. I have always figured, since life is so short, why



not make it a priority to be the best in all aspects of life.

I have not always lived up to my own expectations, but nonetheless they have served as tools in guiding me to the heights I want to reach in life.

Skills and Qualities:

- Bi-lingual in English and Spanish
- Quick learner
- Detail oriented
- Organized
- Creative
- Committed
- Perseverance
- Goal oriented

THE QUOTES I LIVE BY

"God gives all of us the talent necessary to live the lives that we desire. It is our destiny to find that talent, which sometimes takes some digging. The race of life then becomes us versus our potential."

"Success is not measured by what you accomplish, but by the opposition you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds."