

“How I plan to integrate my love of music into my professional career.”

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I love all types of music and listen to a wide variety ranging from rock, to reggae, even country. My love for music started early in my childhood and has always been a reliable foundation in my life. I constantly find myself listening to songs I did as a little girl, sparking jubilant and unforgettable memories.

Some of my fondest memories include frequent beach cruises with my dad, rockin' out to good ol' George Thorogood in our beat-up station wagon. I always admired my dad's rock star taste in music and soaked it up as much as possible. I was his constant sidekick, saturating myself with classic rock, unconsciously creating a passion. Other times my cousins and I watched our favorite, yet very ancient Billy Ray Cyrus concert video. We would mimic his suggestive dance moves and sing at the top of our lungs in a southern twang for endless hours. These memorable times were full of pure bliss and enjoyment because of the music that filled the air and the wonderful beats that permeated around me. I am both amused and proud of my extensive musical taste, because it is a product of my early years and continues to evolve daily with each new experience.

As much as music has been a paramount part of my life, I did not always dream of integrating it into my professional career. Like most children, I had wild dreams for my future and endlessly dreamt of becoming a successful writer. Upon entering San Francisco State University I declared myself a Journalism major, but have since corrected this mistake. After taking only one introductory course, I learned I have the skills and

abilities to become a successful journalist, but realized it is not a profession I wish to engage in for the rest of my life. Instead, I decided to fully emerge myself in something I completely desire and dive into the extensive world of audio. I want to become an entertaining radio disk jockey and creatively talented sound designer.

Although I recently switched majors and am new to the Radio and Television department, I know this is where I truly belong. Before joining this exciting department bursting with inspiration and originality, I worked in the BECA office as the front desk secretary for almost two years. At first it was just a job, but after awhile it became an inquisitive interest. I guess I didn't realize what I really wanted until it was right in front of my face.

I want to be adventurous, educated and live an exciting life surrounded by music. I am just beginning to experience the world of audio from a technical standpoint but have always felt a personal connection with music. Becoming a radio host has sparked my interest the last couple of years. I devoutly crave my own radio show and wish to share my love and joy for music with others who feel the same way. With each new day, I wake up eager to make this dream a reality. In order to do so, I will enroll in various radio courses next semester and ultimately land an amazing internship this summer with either The Bone 107.7 or KFRC 106.9.

I also want to one day become a recognized sound designer, brilliantly syncing audio with visuals. I am utterly amazed by talented sound designers who practice the incorporation of music, skillfully evoking emotion and sensations, bringing an exhilarating and powerful perspective to a visual medium. Whether it's television or film, I am ready to dive head first into the wonderfully complex and stimulating world of

audio. I understand this industry is extremely competitive but I am not deterred. I am fully confident my ambition and bright future will guide me in the right direction, ultimately leading to the life I dream to one day live. I am so excited to make this dream a reality and eagerly await the rest of my education as a Radio and Television major.

Look out world, here I come!