

As a child I grew up around family and friends who encouraged me to create memories that money cannot buy and time cannot take away. While growing older I focused on my school studies and became very involved with the sport of volleyball. I committed to applying myself to working hard for my school studies and challenging myself in Volleyball. I began playing volleyball in eighth grade for Essex Volleyball Club and continued with the club for two more years. While playing club volleyball during my high school years my teams won first and second place in our bracket for the East Coast Championship. I continued playing volleyball for my high school as well. I played my first two years on Junior Varsity and on Varsity my last two years. I received the MVP award for JV and my two year Varsity letter and pins. During spring of each year I managed the Boys Lacrosse team as head manager, I continued this all four years of high school. My GPA consisted of almost all A's and B's for the four years.

After graduation I began attending the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and I love it and cannot wait to go back. My freshman year in college was the most amazing experience of my life, I participated in intramural volleyball and dodge ball, and made many good friends. As a Sophomore, I am a criminal justice major with a concentration in forensics along with an intended minor in Spanish (I have been taking Spanish since 3<sup>rd</sup> grade).

Starting September 6, 2010 I will be working with the Richard Stockton campus police department as an office aide. This opportunity will help me become familiar with the way the enforcement offices work. With my mother as my role model I chose to pursue a major and a career in the criminal justice field. She is a volunteer Sergeant for the Maplewood Police Department in the town we call home for 18 years now. I participated in the Maplewood Junior Police Academy for three years. Starting as a cadet my first year and continuing the program as a volunteer instructor for the following two years. I loved volunteering for the academy because it allowed me to learn about the law enforcement careers and opportunities. Watching the younger cadets have the same passion as I did in the academy, brought a sense of fulfillment and pride to myself.

Receiving this scholarship, would enable me to graduate Stockton with a Masters degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Spanish. In return allowing me to use the resources I have been given to create another Junior Police Academy. My aim is to instill into children across the country to learn about Law Enforcement and have a better understanding of the policies and procedures that are put into place for their safety in the communities and for the best interest of the citizens whom live there.