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College Application Essay

The following essay is what I wrote for the common application for Santa Clara University, Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University, Northeastern University, University of San Francisco, University of San Diego, Seattle University, and St. Josephs University. The prompt was an open topic talking about you.

If you ever met me and challenged me to any sort of competition, you would learn that I am probably one of the most competitive guys you will ever meet. I love playing board games, sports, and any other type of game that involves competing against other people. I play all sorts of games with my friends and family, including Monopoly, chess, basketball, and cards. Even though we are playing just for fun, I play to win. I have played sports for almost my entire life, and I have always been a big competitor. I am one of those guys who tries my hardest when my team is losing badly, even though there is no way we can win. I have played basketball, soccer, baseball, and volleyball, and my competitive spirit has helped me to do well in all of these sports. Almost every team I have been on has finished with a winning record, and I was voted MVP of my freshman basketball team. I have had fun on every team I have been a part of.

I became very competitive because of all the different games I play with my friends and family. My friends and I are all very competitive, whether we are playing video games, poker, Monopoly or any other game. During basketball season at my high school, a couple of my friends and I would go to my friend's house to play a Nintendo game called "Super Smash Bros." on every gameday. We were all about equally skilled at this game, so it was extremely competitive. Even though I would lose a lot, I would go home and play the same game to get better so I could beat them. During my junior year in high school, I would try to spend time with my dad

every night before I went to bed. We would play “Mario Kart” on Nintendo. Even though I was a lot better than my dad and always beat him, it was still fun. He was extremely bad when we first started playing. He was always driving into walls and he just couldn’t stay on the road. But each time we played, he would get a little bit better. He had gone months without ever beating me, and finally he beat me without even cheating. Even though I lost, I was happy to see my dad finally win, because I finally had someone to compete against in “Mario Kart” that I knew was good enough to beat me.

Not only am I competitive in sports and games, but I am also competitive at school. I took Art Fundamentals during my junior year, and if you saw any of my artwork, you would realize I do not have any artistic ability. Although I was not an artist, art was still one of my favorite classes. I had a lot of fun painting, making sculptures, and learning about different artists. Even though I was probably the worst artist in the class, I still tried extremely hard. My friend and I would compete to see who could get the higher grade in the class. I finished with the highest grade in the class because I worked harder than everyone else. I took advantage of every extra credit opportunity, and I worked hard to turn in every homework assignment.

In my opinion, being so competitive throughout my life is going to help me succeed in college. I plan on majoring in business. My competitive spirit will really help me do well in business because I will work hard and make sure everything is done correctly. Even though I will not be playing any competitive sports in college, I will still be competitive in intramurals and other school activities. I just hope that my roommate is as good as my dad is at “Mario Kart.”