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**Why did you choose Child Development as your major?**

When I was a freshman in college, I didn’t know what I wanted to do. At the time, my only goal was to graduate from college so I could get a high paying job. When I was a freshman, I realized that if I studied Computer Science, I could make a lot of money when I graduated. This persuaded me to study Computer Science. After a semester taking only Computer Science courses, I realized that I didn’t like the subject. I didn’t like doing math and I also didn’t like working on the computer all day. It was at that moment when I decided to change my major. After I changed my major, I realized that I must choose a major that I would like. I knew that I liked working in the outdoors. Growing up, I loved the outdoors. I liked to hunt and fish. I also liked to go camping. I also knew that I wanted to work directly with children.

I am very close to my 4 year old nephew. I have closely observed him develop during my freshmen and sophomore years in college. At the time, I was fascinated with his development, which provoked me to begin to study children. When I started to study children, I began to acquire a comprehensive understanding of how children grow and develop. This is when I realized that Child Development and Recreation Administration were the majors I wanted to study. After I figured out what I wanted to do, I started to plan my future. My educational goal is to graduate from California State University, Chico in May 2012 with degrees in Child Development and Recreation Administration. My career goal is to obtain a position as a preschool teacher, an interpreter ranger, or an outdoor educator.