**Write about an accomplishment from your academic career that makes you proud. Why?**

I have had many accomplishments since I began my academic career at Chico State. It took me awhile before I really started to take my higher education courses seriously. When I started at Butte College straight out of high school I was not focused on my classes and didn’t care to get good grades. I felt as if I was just repeating high school taking all my general education classes. I was very bored and unmotivated and found myself getting decent grades but nothing to be really proud of. After I transferred to Chico State I started taking classes related to Child Development and it completely changed my view on school.

An accomplishment that I am very proud of is my GPA of 3.93 from my Fall 2011 semester at Chico State. From this I also received the Dean’s Honor Roll Certificate. This makes me feel very proud of myself because that semester was my hardest and busiest semester I have had since I started college. I really put in a lot of hard work and had a lot of dedication In order to receive the grades I did.

During my Fall 2011 semester I took a total of 16 units which was five classes. One of my classes was the Child Development Practicum course where I had class and staff meeting once a week and completed eight hours a week at the Child Development Laboratory in the toddler classroom. Another one of my classes was the Special Education Field Experience class where I had to attend a three hour class once a week and complete five hours a week of volunteering at Chapman Elementary School. On top of those classes I had three other classes with an exceptional amount of homework and I also worked at Italian Cottage 25 hours a week.

Every week when I would write a list of everything I had to complete and do for the next week I would stress myself out thinking it was impossible to do it all. Sometimes I felt as if I needed two of me to get through the week. When I finally completed the semester I felt a big relieve that I made it through and when I received my award it made me realize that it was all worth it. The certificate is something I will be able to have forever and it will continue to remind me of my hard work and dedication and what I am capable of.