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The biggest and most important decision in my life was when I had to choose which career I wanted to have because it was the decision that would stay for a lifetime. I was just thinking about a career that interested me; one I would dedicate all the enthusiasm and greater effort. Choosing my bachelor's degree in Spanish is the best decision I could make because becoming a teacher and teaching others is my passion. It is my passion to teach what I have learned and to be able to give this country another perspective of different cultures.

I was born in Veracruz, México. My journey started when my parents brought me to the United States at the age of 14 years old, and I became the first in my family that was able to continue my studies. Everything was very difficult and it was hard to learn another language and another culture alone. I always knew that the road to success was not going to be easy but it was not going to be something that I could not face with effort and dedication day after day with the support of my parents. In addition, something that I am proud of is being able to be part of the two cultures in which I have learned a lot. Learning English has made me see life in another perspective with an open mind to new things in this world; of course never leaving behind my Mexican culture, who I am and where I came from. Now I know that I can live my American dream therefore I can help my parents as they have always supported me.

I made the decision to transfer to CSU Monterey Bay because it was an option that was accessible to me since this university is close to my house and it was economically the best choice. I knew that something big would change in my life. Since this is the country of opportunities, I wanted to take that challenge and take advantage of that opportunity; I decided to pursue a BA in Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultures. Spanish is my first language and although I enjoy learning English, Spanish is the language that I really love and read about in Latin American literature it's something that I really like to do. Also, living in the state of California where there is a greater number of Latinos, I would expand my vocabulary in Spanish and every day I learn new things.

My biggest priority is to obtain my BA and the credential as a Spanish teacher, continue to achieve my Master's degree and of course my Ph.D. as well. Therefore, to be able to teach in the universities, the importance of cultures in different countries and know the beautiful language of Spanish. But more than anything to do what I love the most that is to teach. I do not regret having chosen this career because it is something that fills me with great happiness and pride to share my origins and my culture.