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My name is Jose M Gonzalez Castillo S Jr. My family consists of my mother, four sisters and I, we have one dog and two breaded dragons, we live in Brooklyn NYC, we from Honduran and German descent. My life is somewhat normal with a few acceptations of some minor setbacks, I was raised in Bushwick, Brooklyn where is a cool place to live and grow up in. I was raised by a single mother who was a hard worker who did her best to provide for five kids, she showed me a lot about resilience, being on top of your priorities, how to be strong, and most importantly the lesson that family is all you got and all you need. However, my mother could only do so much for her as she had to work so hard for us, so I grew up with a lot of ignorance and troubled mindset, I had anger issues that were mainly due to my father's abuse towards my family and I when he would come back in our lives for a few instances. Soon that would become depression and a struggle to do anything in my life, I wanted a male role model to love me appreciate me, with my father lack of care and response I assumed that I did not matter. I had this mentality for most of my pre-teen and teenage life, but with the help of my family, friends, and tough experiences, I learned that I don't need his approval to love myself and be better. All in need is time with me and self-confidence. I understood that in life you don't need anyone to help you do or be anything, of course there are people who motivate you and push you, but you push yourself in order to be better be where you want to be and be in the best position in your life. As for my experiences, I grew up poor, I was able to take many opportunities to be in a

better position, some I have taken some I should've taken more advantage of, I have done some cool activities as going to Honduras and Costa Rica, and I play sports. Achievements, I guess that's up to someone's interpretation, I don't think I have a lot of achievements other than being the first male in my family to go to college. I don't know if I am talented at anything, but talent is nothing if you don't work hard, so I rather be a hard worker than a talented person.

I am a Sophomore at City College of New York, I want to major in Engineering, I want to pursue a career in automotive or electrical engineering. If that does not pan out, I would like to work in the sports or finance industry. My mom suggested that I gained a passion for engineering after falling in love with Legos as a kid and creating machines, vehicles, figurines, etc., my mom suggested to look in to engineering and I was encouraged to pursue it as a career. I would imagine my future place in this world as an engineer to be more on the electrical side due to engineering going more towards using robots and new developments in tech to do work. Additionally, engineering requires a lot of maintenance, with vehicles, machinery, etc., they all need to be tested, run and approved so I see my future as an engineer very bright and exciting to learn about new advancements, and hopefully creating my own project that could impact the world. The biggest challenge in engineering would be global warming and transitioning from Co2 to electric vehicles. This topic will mainly concern the issues of global warming, climate change and the changes in these environments, and what data is being shown in order to prove that there is a bigger shift in the environment. I will continue to discuss this source by discussing the connection of global warming to solutions in the environments, as I write I would implement the ways of using engineering to see how it is able to impact and make moves towards the ways of global changes.

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