

In a small town high school, sports are a very big deal. For me, soccer was everything. My junior year, I came out of try-outs knowing I did my best, but the coaches didn't think it was enough. Therefore, my favorite past-time for the last 9 years was over. The devastation didn't last long because I joined the track team. During my practices and meets, the coaches were able to see my determination. I attended every practice and achieved a new personal record at every meet, apart from one. My determination to catch up with the rest of my teammates, who had been running track since 7th grade, brought me to an invitational resulting in a silver medal and enough points to earn my varsity letter.

My determination from track carried into other aspects of my life. I worked extremely hard to study for my A.P. Composition test and for the hardest math class that I have ever taken, Pre-calculus. Math has always been my favorite subject, and I want to continue to do well. I believe by taking A.P. Composition to improve my writing skills, I will become a great journalist.

My determination to succeed and reach my goals led me to gain the position of the National Honor Society Treasurer and Color Guard captain for my senior year. These leadership qualities will give me skills that I need for the rest of my life and allow me to successfully conquer the world of Journalism.

My senior year, I am taking more rigorous AP courses such as A.P. calculus and A.P. chemistry as well as public speaking and a TV broadcasting class to further gain skills needed for journalism.

For someone like me, who has spent their entire life growing up in the same, small town, the broadcast news is the best way to obtain information about the rest of the world. As a journalist, I would have the opportunity to provide that information to the small towns in our country, by traveling and meeting people all over the world. My determination to succeed has allowed me to achieve more in this last year than I ever thought possible. I will bring this attribute me to Michigan State University and continue to achieve and pursue my goal of becoming a great journalist. All it takes is a little determination.