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Albert Einstein once said “Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning”. All my life I have been drawn to Biology and asking questions about life. There is so much diversity and things left undiscovered that I can’t stop myself from being curious, wanting to learn more. I also have naturally always been fascinated with marine life and the depths of the ocean. As we advance with technology, we can advance with our research about the mysteries of the sea. This is very exciting, and I dream to one day be a part of this research and discover more about the diversity of life. Through my past experiences, current path, and hopes for the future this paper will show why I chose Marine Biology as my career.

I have had numerous experiences throughout my life that has led me to the path I am on today. My grandparents on my mother’s side lived in Virginia Beach so every summer vacation when we went to visit, we would be next to the ocean. This is where my curiosity started as everything I saw was new to me. I couldn’t stop asking questions and I was always on a mission to find something cool to bring home. From shells to sharks teeth after I gathered my specimens when I got home came the time to research my findings. This always brought me joy and I always knew as a kid I wanted my job to be somewhere in the field of Biology. Even when it came to school, all my science courses filled me with curiosity, and I was always interested in learning more by asking questions. There was one time my family and I went boating in a cove connected to the ocean. After fishing most of the day not catching anything, I spotted an island which my dad said it had a lot of crabs running around. As a kid I had to see this, but we couldn’t get close, or the boat would get stuck so he said I would have to swim. At first, I was hesitant and afraid, but he assured me there were no sharks in the water. After swimming to the island and returning to the boat within five minutes of fishing the first thing we caught that day was a shark. Completely mind blown that I was in the water with sharks I internally overcame my fear of the ocean, and it left me wanting to know more about it all. Since I wasn’t afraid, I saw a path opening for me and a deep curiosity that continues to grow about marine life.

After high school I didn’t have the funds to go straight into college, so I started working to save up money and experience in different fields. Working numerous different jobs nothing ever piqued my interest and brought me joy like learning about Biology. Although wherever I worked, I preformed my duties above and beyond it never worked my brain and left me asking questions. I lost the curiosity factor, so I knew it wasn’t the right path for me. At this point I started up at Blue Ridge Community College in hopes to pursue my dreams. Both working full time and taking a full course list each semester, I was determined to meet my goals. The passion I have for science and Biology pushed me to excel and get to where I am today. After two years at BRCC I was able to achieve an associate in biology and take one more step towards my future. Now I am currently attending Old Dominion University to obtain a bachelor’s in marine biology with a minor in GIS. It is my hopes that in the future I can explore the ocean and study marine

life. This drives me every day to take my next step towards that future. With every step I am learning more about my self and the world which helps me sets goals and dream big.

Overall, through my past experiences, current path, and future goals it shows how marine biology is the perfect fit for me. Being able to work my brain and become curious about things leads me to asking questions in hopes to learn more and discover new possibilities. It is important to do what you love but also to never stop asking questions. With every experience you can learn more, live in the moment to discover the possibilities, and dream to reach your goals for the future. This is why I wont ever stop asking questions and will continuing moving forward towards a career in Marine Biology.