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The Value of Hard Work

Throughout my life I have had the privilege to be surrounded by people that take pride in their work ethic and that has rubbed off on me and now hard work is my top priority. During my time in high school I got away with minimal effort and put all my time and effort into sports. Ever since transferring to Colorado State University, I quickly learned that those same habits were not sufficient enough for me to thrive in my major. Since then, I have taken steps that have allowed me to achieve the grades I desire while still participating in extracurricular activities, such as serving as the president of my fraternity and the treasurer of a construction club we have on campus. Along with taking 18 credits this semester, it has forced me to better my study habits and enhance my time management skills to make sure I complete everything on my to-do list in a timely and efficient manner.

I am lucky to call two of the hardest working people I know, my parents who from a young age taught me that outworking people is the way to success. I still strive to be the person they are and implement all the knowledge they have enriched me with throughout my life. While I may go through struggles and have times where I do not want to do anything, I think of all the hard work they have put in to help me become the person I am today, it motivates me to put in the extra work.

One of the biggest aspects of hard work I have noticed is that no matter your current situation, you can always outwork someone; you may not be as smart or as wealthy, but hard work can set you apart from the rest of the pack. My dad is the main reason I believe this is so accurate. My dad was born in a less than ideal situation. While his brothers did not work their way out of it, my dad pushed himself to better himself and give both my sister and I a better life than he had. To this day, his work ethic has never withered. If anything he is working even harder now while still being a great father and remaining devoted to his faith and values.

While we will all experience challenges, never let anything or anyone get in the way of your goals. Nowadays, with so much technology and other resources available, there is really only one thing that will set you apart; that is one's willingness to put in the work no matter the circumstances. I know I have learned a lot about the importance of hard work. I will continue to learn about it, as well as learn how to better myself as a human being. Hard work will always be my top priority and something I will strongly implement in my future family's life as well, just as my parents did.