

## **Personal Statement Horticulture - Transfer Student**

### **Education and Career Goals\***

Write a brief statement outlining your education and career goals; if undecided, state what you hope to gain from the college experience.

My current goal involves transferring to a 4-year University in the fall. To that end, I have spent my time really trying to take full advantage of the resources MiraCosta has to offer. I have received nearly straight A's since being enrolled here at MiraCosta, and have become involved in clubs and more recently student government. In the fall, I applied to UC Davis and two other institutions, and also completed a TAG for UC Davis as a Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems major. My first transfer college choice is UC Davis and I plan to complete my undergrad there and then begin to consider Graduate school. I hope to enter one of three fields post-graduate; the first field being sustainable agriculture, either being a farmer or consulting with farmers to better the food system. The second option is entering public service through either the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or the Department of the Interior, or the like. My third option would be to go to Law School and pursue environmental concerns or policy, or even public office in order to improve and make more sustainable our national food system, or even broader, the way we eat as a nation.

### **Extracurricular Activities\***

List activities you are involved with both on and off campus; for example, clubs, organizations, volunteer service, and sports activities. If applicable, describe your employment experience and how many hours you work per week. Do your activities relate to your education or career objective?

Currently, I spend a large portion of my time as an officer in MiraCosta's Associated Student Government. I hold the office of Vice President of Legislative Affairs, where I have the opportunity to sit on several committees including: student success, sustainability, Law (ASG), Public Relations (ASG), Interview Committee (ASG), and I was the Chair of the ASG Goals Committee as well. Over the past semester, I have had the opportunity to represent the whole of MiraCosta's students at the State level through SSCCC governance, as well as through our local Region X Council. Recently, I was appointed as the Region X Legislative Affairs Committee Chair as well. My most current project through ASG has been drafting and passing a Legislative Plan for ASG that will carry us through the 2016 presidential election, and ideally influence the next administration and policies of ASG moving forward. I have also had the opportunity to be involved with the GSA club, Phi Theta Kappa, and the Horticulture Club on campus and attend as many campus events as possible.

**Other Information about yourself\***

Please provide information you would like to share about yourself including accomplishments you are proud of, hardships or challenges you overcame in your life, scholarships and/or honors you received. Most important, state your financial need and how a scholarship will help you achieve your education goal.

The accomplishment I have most treasure through the past few years has been the very fact that I have come back to school. It was not an easy decision to leave a good paying job at a hotel to pursue higher education; but, I know that doing so would be an investment in my future and my future earnings. I am proud to have had the opportunity to come back to school and am even more proud that I have done so well since being here. I really feel like I am taking full advantage of the Community college experience this time and will be sad to leave, but am very proud of what I have accomplished here. I am also proud that I have been recognized for my efforts and grades from nearly every group on campus, I truly could not do it without the financial, moral, and emotional support I still receive.

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