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To Whom It May Concern,

The careers I selected to research include: environmental engineering, anthropologist/ archeologist, and veterinarian. I chose these careers due to their portrayal of my wide range of interests. I am particularly interested in making positive environmental impact on the world around me and felt that these careers reflect this value.

I have always had a strong interest in math and science, and engineering incorporates both of these academic subjects. Environmental engineering particularly appealed to me, due to my care for the world around me, along with the various disciplines it incorporates alongside math and science. Various types of engineering were suggested to me on Naviance as possible career choices, but this specific type of engineering appeared to be a good fit based my Work Values Assessment, Career Interest Profiler, and Myers Briggs test. Each of these respective aptitude tests highlighted creativity, curiosity, and morality as strengths of mine. Engineering is among the more creative science fields, and gives one an opportunity to create something for the greater good of the world. This being said, I felt environmental engineering to be a perfect to career to learn more about pursuing.

Upon learning more about this career, the style of work does not align with mine. While I would expect to enjoy the actual responsibilities placed on me in this job, I would find it difficult to maintain deadlines and work with an inflexible schedule. My first five years in this career would likely be happy, as I would like the meaningful work I was doing; But after ten years in this career I would likely grow tired of the rigid demands, and grow to lack passion for it. Due to this I would be unlikely to make any serious career advancements in this time. The Myers Briggs test on Naviance determined my personality type as ENFP fits with this self analysis, as this type is notorious for ambition and creativity, but lacking the ability to follow through on their storm of ideas. In order for this type to find success and happiness in their respective they must feel passion for their work, as they perform best on things they feel strongly about. If I grew tired of the intense regulations placed on public projects, I would be depleted of passion, and in part perform poorer.

Along with my interest in math and science, I have always been interested in history and feel a great desire to travel and do different things with each coming day. Anthropology/Archeology stands as a field of interdisciplinary combining these unalike passions. It fills my curiosity for the world around me and fits my particular skill set. Various types of social sciences were suggested to me on Naviance as possible career choices, but this specific type of field appeared to be a good fit based my Work Values Assessment, Career Interest Profiler, and Myers Briggs test. Each of these respective aptitude tests

highlighted creativity, curiosity, and morality as strengths of mine. This career examines history through the use of science. This being said, I felt this career to be worth further studying.

Upon learning more about this career, the style of work aligns with mine. I would expect to enjoy the actual responsibilities placed on me in this job, and I would find it simple to be productive with my own flexible schedule and lack of monotony. My first five years in this career would likely be happy, as I would like the work I was doing; But after ten years in this career I would likely grow tired of the lack of concrete social change that comes from it. While intellectually stimulating, this career has little practical value and real life application. Due to this inherent lack of meaningfulness I would be unlikely to make any serious career advancements in this time. Once again, the Myers Briggs test on Naviance determined my personality type as ENFP fits with this self analysis. If I felt that my work was unimportant to the world around me I would fail to care about it, and in part fail to find success.

Becoming a vetrinarian would accomodate my interest in math and science, as well as my love for animals. This career was not suggested to me on Naviance as a possible career choice, but it appeared to be a good fit based my Work Values Assessment and Career Interest Profiler. I feel extremely passionate about animals and would enjoy working with them daily, but upon learning more about this career, the style of work does not align with mine. While I would expect to enjoy some of the actual responsibilities placed on me in this job, such as animal care, I would find it difficult emotionally to put animals to sleep and deal with saddened pet owners. Sick animals in general are depressing, and being unable to make them well would internally destroy me. My first five years in this career would likely be unhappy, as I would like the meaningful work I was doing, but hate the failures of it and grimmer responsibilities. It is unlikely I would be able to make it ten years into this career as I would find it so thoroughly disheartening. Due to this I would be unlikely to make any serious career advancements. The Myers Briggs test on Naviance determined my personality type as ENFP fits with this self analysis. If I grew tired of the intense and emotionally draining responsibilities placed on me, I would be depleted of passion, and in part perform poorly.

I do not view these careers as significant contenders for what I will choose to do with the rest of my life. None of these jobs would be particularly satisfying or unsatisfying to me, as they each have their own drawbacks and benefits. Environmental engineering and Veterinary Medicine would conceptually satisfy my desire to help other and improve my surroundings, but lack the immense creative freedom needed to be considered realistic career for my lifelong happiness. Anthropology/Architecture accommodates my own work style, but lacks the importance and meaningfulness I need in order to be happy. While in short term any of these careers would be ideal, but they are not appropriate for my entire adult working life. Due to this, I do not expect to pursue any of these careers. What I have learned about these careers will likely help me to better articulate what I am looking for in a career, as my awareness of my own morals and skills has been heightened following this research. I will likely start from scratch on my career search, but will have gained significant insight to the path I should follow.

Respectfully,

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