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Driven for the future

For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated by the events of the world. Politics and government have always fascinated me. I remember how exciting it was to fill out a fake ballot for a class assignment during the 2016 election when I was 8. I have always wanted the news on. I have always wanted to know more. I do not know where this drive came from. No one in my immediate family is interested in politics. Both my parents are scientists. They did their best to keep me away from what was going on. They did not talk with me about important events. I used my resources to find out anyway. I do not know why. I just always wanted to know more.

That drive for knowledge has led me to read and learn. I have read and practiced and learned. The more I learn the more I am driven to public service in politics. The turbulence that has driven some people including many in my family as far away as they can get from politics has driven me toward it. The problems drive me. The people who I meet when I am door knocking for different causes give me hope. They make me want to do good for them. They fuel my ambition to make a difference even if it is one door and one person at a time. My drive comes from them. My determination to make their life better.

This is why I do everything I do. So I can go to college on the east coast and study political science and government. Schools so far from home cost money. They require excellent grades, community service, and well rounded knowledgeable students. This is why I hold myself

to a higher standard. If I can really make a positive difference in the lives of people every hour of homework and class, every scholarship application and community service hour will be well worth it. I do everything in the hope that it will put me in the place to be involved in politics for good. That way I can change the system slowly so it better serves the people.

The people who have come before me leave a roadmap. I watch and read the speeches of activists. I look for characteristics that true change makers have in common. The most important one I have seen is simply a belief that they can do good and the drive to do all the nitty gritty work to make it happen. If that is what it takes I hope I will be able to do it. It is both simple and challenging. With drive I know I can get there if I keep who I am working for at the front of my brain. Then slowly I can work to become both the people who have come before me and my own unique person in the fight for change.