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What Drives Me

“Mejor Que Ayer” is a song by Diego Torres and it is the song that sums up my life. My name is Curtis Haliwell, and I am a student at DHS. Throughout my time in high school, I have earned a 4.55 GPA and received awards such as student of the year and an all state academic team award or two while being an ASB commissioner. I also love playing football, wrestling, hunting, playing the occasional video game, camping, reading, and so much more. As for “Mejor Que Ayer,” that’s my goal. As you may be wondering, mejor que ayer means better than yesterday, and that is what truly drives me.

If I told you I had a tough childhood, that would be a lie. I don’t like to brag, though my childhood and teenage years haven’t been too bad to say the least. But, even with a great life, one thing that I have always noticed outside of my bubble is how others act. Even when many are great, others often aren’t and that bothers me. I wasn’t treated great and often made fun of so I decided it was time to make a change. As the new kid at CVMS in 8th grade, I finally decided what I wanted to do with my time in life and that was to be a better person than I was yesterday. Regardless of how others acted, I was just going to keep making life better for myself and those around me. To say that statement simply drives me would be an understatement.

As of right now, I am planning on attending Montana State (Bozeman) and trying to become a biomedical engineer or a mechanical engineer. The thing that bothers me the most about how others act (which is what I want to change and do differently) is how driven they are not to help, but to earn themselves a better life even when it means hurting others along the way. I have done a lot of research into engineering, and the specific career I want to pursue is making affordable medical devices and equipment such as prosthetics. I don’t agree with the cost of a prosthetic after the person needing one has already suffered enough to need one. That’s what drives me. Life is already unfair enough and I don’t want to be the one piling bills up onto those that are already down. In order to help those people, I need a good foundation which I can really only get from college. And it goes along with everything that I have been saying, college is expensive. A degree from Montana State, even with the academic scholarship I have received, it’s still hard to pay for college without ending in debt. To make the prosthetics I want to make, it will be hard with student loan debt and I want to put as much of my personal funds and salary towards this goal as possible.

This is where you come in. With the help of your scholarship, and hopefully as many others as possible, I can finally accomplish my

dream. I appreciate everything that has been done for me in my life but all I ask of you is one favor. Help me make the world better than it was yesterday for myself and so many others. Thank you for your consideration and time.