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Personal Biography

My journey through life has been marked by diverse experiences that have shaped me into the person I am today. From an early age, I was exposed to unique challenges that would ultimately impact my personal and professional growth.

At a young age, I found myself living in a secluded homeschooling environment with my siblings and single mother. Despite this isolation, my passion for technology emerged through my father's influence, who worked as a programmer at IBM. This interest in computers would become the foundation of my future career in Information Technology.

At the age of 11, I moved to southern California with my mother and enrolled in a community college when I was 13. Living in a diverse city allowed me to be exposed to various cultures, ideas, and perspectives, fostering an appreciation for diversity and its value in enriching our lives.

When I turned 16, I relocated again to a predominantly white rural county in Pennsylvania and attended public high school while living with my father. This was my first experience with living in a homogenous community, which made me feel like an outsider among long-established groups of friends. I had trouble discerning true friendship and lost sight of the need to plan, barely graduating from high school. It was during this time that I struggled with bad personal decisions and faced a difficult period in my life. However, through meditation and self-reflection, I realigned my internal compass with the person I want to be.

Eventually, I reconnected with my mother, who needed help so she could get overdue surgery. I moved in with her and soon decided to pursue higher education by attending West Virginia State University, a historically black institution. This decision was influenced by my desire to continue learning about diverse perspectives and experiences, as well as seeking a more inclusive environment where I could feel a sense of belonging.

As I progressed through college and earned my bachelor's degree, I continued to advance my education at the same university by pursuing a master's degree. During this time, my academic advisor encouraged me to apply for admission as a Ph.D. student at Howard University, a top-ranked university. I didn't expect to be accepted, but I was, which led to incredible experiences living and attending school in DC.

Overall, my experiences living in diverse parts of the country have played a significant role in shaping both my personal and professional life. These experiences have taught me the importance of embracing change, valuing diversity, and fostering inclusiveness. As I continue to grow and evolve, I remain committed to using my skills and knowledge to create positive change within the technology industry and beyond.