Photoshop: iMe Silhouette Project

For this project, get someone to take four pictures of yourself. At least one must be a full body shot, one must be a profile shot, and the other two should use objects or poses to tell me a little bit about you. My example (below) hopefully conveys to you that Cal loves to play football, lift weights, play basketball, and watch spiderman. So, what can you tell me about YOU using just silhouettes?

TOOLS USED:
- Move
- Magic Wand
- Paint Bucket/Gradient Tool
- Eraser
- Layer Management
- Blending Options/Layer Effects
- Text Tool

PHOTOSHOP STEPS:
1. Take the photos. Be creative and "overact" with poses.
2. Create a new PSD file—7.5" wide and 10" tall.
3. Fill the background using the gradient tool.
4. Add a page border by selecting all and adding an inside border (Edit, Stroke)
5. Crop & Resize your images of your poses by 50% or more.
6. Select your silhouette (your choice on method), drag to your assignment file, fill selection with black (Edit, Fill, make it 100% solid black, normal blending); you should set your feather <u>before</u> selecting to 1 or 2 px to give a softer edge. Make it smooth/anti-alias.
7. Use shapes to frame up the pictures (I used squares). Be sure your shapes are on higher layers.
8. Add text—iYourFirstName in a font of your choice, black. Add a drop shadow or other text effect as you like.

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Requirement	Points Possible	Deductions
Correct PSD size—7.5"x 10" portrait	2	
Gradient background used	3	
Page border included	2	
Four silhouettes with good selections (poses are identifiable)	4	
At least one silhouette is full body	2	
Quality of silhouettes/edges; to scale	2	
Use of at least 3 shapes	3	
Name included with lower case "i"	2	
TOTAL	**20**	

Examples can be viewed in the Student Work Hall of Fame