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Maharia's map to success.

Failure is the best teacher you'll ever meet. I try to learn from my mistakes. every human makes mistakes, it's totally normal. But you have to live and learn. I try not to make the same mistake too many times. I try to learn from my mistakes. From what I've seen, hard work gets you far in life, so if I try my hardest I have no choice but to make it. I think I'll make it very far with knowledge, faith, and dedication.

I will achieve my goal with hardwork, dedication and faith.

According to Apostle Paul in *Philippians* 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" This verse makes me feel like anything is possible.

I would like to be a nurse and a doctor. I know it will take a lot of hard work and good time management. But I know I can do it! I have a plan, which I'll get into later. That's pretty much all I need to succeed. My plan for success begins with what I will do in high school: my sophomore, junior, and senior years.

Graduating high school with my associates degree looks really good for college, which is the goal.

Next school year I will be a sophomore, and as a sophomore I can focus on my accuplacer so I can get into Shawnee Community College classes the following year. If I maintain my 3.8 gpa or higher I should be okay. While I'm a sophomore there isn't much I can do, but study for my accuplacer. That test is very important but I don't know how I should study for it. I'll eventually look more into it but not right now. It's pretty easy to maintain grades at my school. It's a small school and everyone is lazy, so it's pretty easy. Which isn't a great thing because no one is learning, but it's not HORRIBLE. it kind of works out in my favor.

My plan for junior year : During my junior year of high school I plan on taking the cna class and taking college level reading, math and nutrition.

Once I pass my accuplacer at the end of sophomore year I will be eligible for classes at Shawnee. Shawnee classes are free so I will try to take as many as I can, without being overwhelmed. I don't really want to take reading and math, but I'm sure taking it at Shawnee will make it easier for my future self while I'm at university. I looked on the Shawnee website a while ago to see what they had to offer and they have a nice selection of classes I can pick from. Hopefully everything goes well with that.

My plan for senior year: once I get my certificate for nursing I will get a job at a nursing home or a long term care facility hopefully in the summer time. While I'm a senior, I will probably still be taking math and reading at Shawnee. I don't remember how long the courses are. Hopefully everything can work out in my favor and I can graduate high school with my associates degree and my CNA/LPN licence from Shawnee.

That sums up everything I'd like to do while in high school that will help me achieve my goals. I will try to hold myself accountable for my actions over the course of the next 3 years. While also applying myself and making sure I give a nice amount of effort. I have a plan which is more than most people, I just have to try to follow it.

Hopefully I don't fail, but if I do, at least I know what to not do next time.

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Kangaroo trip request

Dear Mr.Lester , I respectfully ask you to consider allowing me to bring a kangaroo on our upcoming summer trip. While this may sound unusual at first, there are several logical , emotional , and ethical reasons to support my request.

Logically, kangaroos are highly trainable animals. Mine has been raised in a controlled environment, is leash-trained, and poses no threat to others. Many people bring emotional support animals on trips, and my kangaroo serves a similar purpose. Honestly I think you should just accept me and my kangaroo.

From an emotional standpoint, having my kangaroo with me helps me manage anxiety in unknown environments. He's not just a pet, he's part of my support system. His presence would allow me to fully engage and enjoy the trip, creating positive memories instead of stress.

Lastly, I understand the responsibility this request requires. I promise to ensure my kangaroo will not disrupt the group, and I'll follow all upward bound guidelines. I'm a committed student, and I wouldn't make this request lightly.

Thank you for considering my request with an open mind.

Sincerely, Maharia,