My Story Poster Essay

Hi, my name is Shoaib Laghari. I am 14 years old, and my birthday is September 9th. I was born in Pakistan, but I have lived here since I was 4. I am currently a freshman at Hillsboro High school. I went to Bellevue and West End middle schools. Something I really enjoy doing is playing soccer. I have been playing for a really long time, since I was little and played for HYSA during 2nd and 3rd grade. I also played for Bellevue and West End's soccer team, and am hoping to make it on Hillsboro's team. I have a mom and dad, that I'm very grateful for, and 4 siblings, that have changed and shaped my entire life. My parents are both in Pakistan right now, because they have family and my dad has a job there, but we frequently visit each other. I have 2 brothers and 2 sisters, and all of them are older than me. My sisters are 15 and 26. My brothers are 22 and 27. We all live together and all 5 of them have made me who I am. My brothers both play soccer and they are what got me into it. They are also the ones that got me into computers and coding, because that's what both of them do. My sisters' kind of gave me my funny and weird personality, and my 15-year-old sister is the one I've grown up with every day of my life. I also had multiple middle school achievements. First, I graduated with all A's and the lowest grades I got were A's and B's. I joined the Encore Program for 6th and 7th grade, which was a class for advanced students in middle school. I was also part of the National Junior Honor Society in the 8th grade. Last, I was in Soccer Club and West End and Bellevue's soccer teams, which I was a starter for both years. As for my high school plans, I would like to maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher, along with some extracurricular activities, involving joining the Hillsboro soccer team and joining a society or club. If I can do this, and also get into Honors/AP classes then this will help me into getting into a good college.

After reading all of the IB Learner Profile characteristics, and their definitions, I feel like the one that best fits my personality, lifestyle, and learning style is inquirer. The definition of an inquirer is, "We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life." First, I mainly chose this because one trait that I definitely have is curiosity. When it comes to something I'm interested in, I will be curious on my own and find it out by myself. Another reason I chose this was because I feel like I definitely have the skill of working by myself and also working with others. Teamwork I feel like is a very important thing and I am good when it comes to splitting and completing work with other students. Last, I feel I'm very enthusiastic during class. I will encourage myself and other students on solving problems and completing their work.

When it comes to my future career, that is something I struggle at. For my 3 careers I chose software engineer, soccer player, and medical lab scientist. First, I would like to be a software engineer. I chose this because both of my brothers also do coding and got me interested in it, and I am skillful with computers and typing. Although I don't currently know much coding, during high school and college I can definitely learn it and get a job. Next, I chose to be a soccer player. I want to be a soccer player because it has always been my dream and a lifetime hobby, since I was little. Both my brothers also play soccer and are the reason I currently play soccer. Last, I chose a medical lab scientist. I chose this because first, my sister is one. Next, I have a lot of experience with hospitals. Because of my previous surgery, even though I don't know everything about it, I know some stuff about medical. I have gotten blood taken so many times I basically already know every step. This job is a mix of computers, and since I don't want to be a nurse or doctor, and hospital work, so kind of like a lab tech. The program I chose for 2016 was the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. Even though I haven't completely figured out my career yet, taking IB classes will help me discover different things through advanced class, and what I enjoy and want to do and/or be when I grow up.