

My visual representation has a many different aspects that compose my life in a variety of ways. My life and personality are all composed by this variation of things I like to do, things that I like, and even things that I am involved in. The wide assortment of pieces varies from my hobbies to brands to my goals and aspirations.

In the center of my collage, I have a professional women's basketball player, Candace Parker, who plays for the Los Angeles Sparks. The reason I chose to make her the center of attention on my visual representation was because it is a dream of mine to play basketball as a professional. All people have goals that they set for themselves and some people have dreams. Although this dream is somewhat unlikely to happen to me, I still feel that as a teenager I need to have a dream. A dream that I wish would happen in some sort of way, but I know that on the journey there, I can never fail because I could just be reaching that dream in different ways than others. Making Parker the focus point of my collage portrays that I have an ambition that I would love to achieve at some point but again it's highly unlikely for me to get there. I also wanted to make the center of attention have something to do with basketball because I have been playing for 12 years, going on 13. Basketball has been my number one means of venting, of happiness and even of starting many new friendships. Through basketball, I feel that I can do anything. While in the sport I learn many things, from teamwork skills to captain skills and to even life-long lessons. I also have a picture of a girls' basketball team in a huddle all touching one another's hand. To me teamwork is the one thing that makes everything successful. Teamwork is the reason to all effective outcomes in any type of aspect of one's life. Basketball and my team have been there for me since day one and neither have ever ceased to disappoint me when I try to get my mind off of things. Without basketball and having the teammates I've had, I would most definitely not be even close to the person I am today. Along with basketball, I have had many

interactions with the brand Nike. Nike has made me happy for so many years. Nike has made me happy by providing me with all of my basketball equipment, my running shoes and even apparel. Through Nike, I have literally found some kind of happiness that can't be explained.

Now for the aspects around my center of attention, there are things that are my hobbies, things that I like, things that I'm involved in and things that I aspire to be one day. To start it off I have a swimmer. The swimmer shows that I am a competitive swimmer. I have been swimming for 12 years as well, and will make it 13 in the spring. Swimming is another area of athletics that I feel I excel in exceptionally well. While in recreational swimming, I was often the top swimmer and the anchor of relays and that is my duty while I participate in high school swimming as well. Since I act as one of the top swimmers of our team and as the anchor in relays, I really have a lot riding on me and a lot of people depending on me, especially my relay team. Being the anchor means that I am the last one to swim, meaning that if we are behind in a race, they are depending on me to pick up the slack and try to make a comeback. I feel that swimming is one of the main aspects in my life that has really shaped me. Through swimming, I have also met many new people from different cities; I have learned that this sport is one where you are really depending on yourself. It's you against everyone and even yourself, because even if you are beating everyone in that particular event, you are still trying to beat your best time.

Next I have pictures that portray my future. I have picture that is a cap, diploma, and books and then I have a picture that is of a physical therapist. My first goal that I plan on accomplishing is graduating high school. Graduating high school is like a chapter of one's life that they finish. Finishing high school is definitely a chapter that I am looking forward to finishing. I also have a picture of a physical therapist working with a patient. I want to go to college to study kinesiology, physical therapy, because I feel that becoming a physical therapist

is one way that I am giving back to the world. Helping people is definitely something I love doing so to help injured people get back to their normal selves would be a great way to give back. My future is a huge part of my life right now, because as a senior, everything I'm doing right now is going to affect my future in one way or another.

Friends and family are a big contribution to the happiness in my life. I know that sounds cliché; however, it's the truth. My friends are literally my backbone. I rely on my friends for a lot, but that's what friends are for. My friends and I have so much fun together. The friendships that I have with them are those friendships that don't rely on talking all the time. We don't always have to hang out, don't always have to be in contact with each other, but we all know that we will forever be there for each other. My friends and I have an unbreakable bond that not many people can say they have. Family is another part of my collage. Family is absolutely what people say, "family comes first." That one saying is 100% true because my family is number one in my life. Everything I do is in some sort of way, for my family. But most importantly, everything I do is for my parents. In school, sports, and even life, I always have my parents in the back of my mind and I always think to myself, "Will this make my parents proud of me?" As long as I live, I will definitely be making my parents proud and happy about everything that I do.

Another area of my life that strongly represents me is music and dancing. I have found music to be one of the easiest ways to calm me down and get me to a better mood, along with dancing. Dancing makes me extremely happy and it can easily take most things off my mind. There are always sayings that music is the one thing that can heal someone's problem and some people may or may not believe it; however, I feel that that is absolutely true. With music, I can really escape from reality and feel different about myself for a short amount of time. I feel that without music, life would, in a way, have no meaning. As well as dancing, with dance many

people are able to express their feelings and emotions that they could not do with words and that's the interesting thing about dancing. People use dance as a type of language that most do not have. Dancers are able to communicate in their own ways because they have that type of connection and that's the interesting thing about dancing. Music and dancing has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember and it will forever be something that I cherish and look forward to.

These past two years I have been a lifeguard at our public swimming pool. This occupation has become a huge part of my life, because just like becoming a physical therapist to help people, with lifeguarding I am able to feel and do the same. A lifeguard is someone who rescues and helps people who are in need if they are unable to swim and that is exactly what I feel my job is to do in this world. I feel that my job is to help people who are in need in any way. As a lifeguard, I learned so many different skills that not most jobs have to offer. Another way that lifeguarding has hugely impacted my life is that I know what having a job is like at a young age. I got this job when I was 16 years old and not most teenagers get jobs. So having a job at such a young age has taught me many skills that I will take into the real world and will end up using at some point.

Another aspect that has become a huge part of my life was being involved in the AVID program at school. I have been in AVID all four years of high school and I am so glad that I was. AVID has definitely contributed to who I have become. With AVID, I feel that I have learned a lot of different skills that I will take into the real world, along with meeting some of the best people that I will never forget. Through AVID, I have met 23 other students that have similar aspirations as me and have literally made life-long friends. Not only have I met some of the best people through AVID, I have become very close with my teacher as well. We have had a pretty

harsh time with teachers since freshman year, but now that we have a teacher that has stuck with us and won't leave our sides. AVID has made such an impact on me and my life in such a positive way and I would not have wanted my four years in high school to be any different.

The last picture in my collage that represents me is my high school and our mascot. Lindsay High School has made an enormous impact on my life because without it, I really don't see how I could've spent the past three years anywhere else. I have met so many people, so many teachers, and have accomplished so many goals that I set for myself. I have made friends at this high school that I will seriously have forever and just with that, I would be happy. Not only have I met some pretty amazing friends, I have also met some amazing teachers. So many teachers have influenced me in so many different ways and I really owe part of all my achievements to them. There have been so many accomplishments that this school has brought to me. Lindsay high has been real good to me, from winning the championship in basketball to opening up so many doors for my education to really just guiding me in the right direction for my future. Lindsay high has made a vast impact on me and I will forever cherish the bond I have with friends, teachers and the school.

This collage depicts me in a few pictures that represent the bigger pictures in me. Through this collage, I was able to explain myself in ways that most people won't understand, but I feel that if one really knew me, then they'd understand very easily. One simple picture can literally tell a hundred stories and have a million meanings.