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Personal Statement

My name is Marina Rua, I am from Tuxpan Jalisco, Mexico. I have been living-almost seven years in the United States. When I came to this country, I did not know English. I studied three years in Soledad High School, and it was very difficult to adapt myself to a new place, new language, and new people. Everything was new and a challenge for me. I graduated from Soledad High School in 2014. So, I started Hartnell College where I had to develop my skill as a student and as a person. I had lost my shyness and started talking and practicing my English skills. I had to take several classes that helped me increase my knowledge. I graduated from Hartnell College in Spring 2017 with an associates degree in Spanish. Now, I am working on my bachelor's degree in Spanish Language and History Culture at California State University, Monterey Bay, where I will be graduating in Spring 2019.

Being a bilingual person is like living in two different worlds. Being bilingual helps you and encourages you to know about different cultures. As a Latina I had a lot of difficulties. One challenge in my life, was how to decide what I want to do in my life in order to have a better future. One day, I realized that I wanted to be a teacher. Being this my first language, I decide to pursue a career in Spanish. The literature has caught my attention, it is interesting how in readings. I can get information about culture, history, emotions and ideas from different perspectives and ethnic groups. I have chosen to major in Spanish Language and Hispanic Culture because I know that I would enrich my knowledge and help enrich someone else's knowledge.

I have learned so much in CSUMB, I have taken several classes where I learned about culture and history. Taking those types of classes helped me to understand people's beliefs and thoughts. These classes also encourage me to be proud of my own culture. CSUMB is a multicultural university which helps me to be aware of other people's perspective. Learning about other countries is very interesting. My vocabulary is growing and my way to speak and write are improving too. While being at CSUMB, I have developed professional skills. Lastly, CSUMB professors are a very important role models in my life they are very professional and they help us a lot. I have learned that I am not alone in this journey, I can easily reach to some professor and they will guide me to the right path.

After graduation, I am planning to continue making true my dreams. I will be working to get my teaching credential with one specific subject. My subject will be Spanish. Furthermore, I want to get a new job where I will develop more my teaching skills and get professional knowledge of subjects. In addition, I hope to get new skills that will help me build a good relationship with my future students. After, I get my teaching credential, I am planning to attend San Jose University and get my masters there. Last, I want to get a job as a Spanish Teacher, so I will be teaching students who want to learn Spanish or already know it. I hope to be a good role model and to encourage my future students to value their bilingualism and feel proud of their culture, by explaining why it is important to keep using Spanish in the United States or learning it.