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To: Portfolio Show Visitor

I have always loved films, the places they can take you, and the feelings they can pull from you. To that end, I want to be a storyteller that can captivate audiences.

I first got a taste of filmmaking when I was in a high school class that taught us the basics and allowed us to borrow equipment. Now that I'm studying filmmaking here at PSU, I have enjoyed meeting and working with peers with similar interests and different creative ideas. I was very proud of myself when my idea for a short film was chosen to be produced in my first narrative film production class and then subsequently scored in my next course. I enjoy bringing my ideas to fruition through passion and hard work that I will carry with me wherever I go.

I hadn't honestly considered filmmaking as a career path for myself being a kid from South Dakota, but it was always something I was aware of. Every opportunity I had to make a video as part of an assignment, or for a fun project, I did so. When I joined the Navy I would make videos of my job as an aircraft mechanic launching jets off aircraft carriers. Being the friend of a service member that committed suicide, I also created a suicide prevention video about how many people it affects and the resources that are available to everyone. I have worked many jobs that have left me with new trade skills like welding and hydraulic troubleshooting, and soft skills like flexibility and productive collaboration.

I am now honing my filmmaking skills with the knowledge that I will always be improving because I have a passion for learning new things and am dedicated to improving myself. Thank you for reading a little about me and considering me for future employment. I'd be happy to provide greater detail about my skills and experience during an interview. Please call me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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