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Why Honors?

Throughout my academic years, honors programs have seemed of the highest prestige. That prestige and reputation is what I think influences students, parents, and educators to participate in said programs. What may often be overlooked, however, is character development and growth opportunities within an honors program. I chose to participate in honors at MNSU because I was focused on how this decision could help me grow and succeed in my future.

I have always been a student who has tried to keep my future in mind. Whether that meant taking more college courses in high school or taking more time to apply for scholarships, I remained disciplined. The honors program is another step I am taking to best prepare for my future. I am hoping to reap the benefits of a strong resume by adding that I participate in the honors program. Additionally, I am planning on utilizing the portfolio building opportunities within this program to also better succeed in my future.

From what I understand, volunteering and being an active participant in various events is also a part of being an honors student at MNSU. I am hoping to participate in events that will help me grow as an individual. Volunteering or helping coordinate an event could create opportunities to grow my patience, versatility, and enthusiasm. More specifically, I could potentially gain experience at events in my future field of study (special education) to gain valuable field experience and, again, have the option to build up my resume.

Lastly, like most organizations in college, I am looking to gain peer connections through the honors program. I am looking to attract individuals who are responsible and mindful of their time at college; I am confident that individuals in the honors program will possess those characteristics. I believe that it is important to have individuals around you who contribute to your success and who do not hold you back. Hopefully, within the honors program, I can gain relationships that will help me be the best version of myself.

An honors program, for me, is more than just a reputation. I am looking forward to participating, and therefore growing as an individual during my time in the honors program at MNSU. I understand the importance of preparedness, diverse opportunities, and genuine connections which is what I hope to get out of this experience.