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Writing Assignment #1: Letter of Introduction

Through my writing, I have discovered that I take pride in my work. To me, my work is very personal. I am not comfortable with sharing my work with my classmates or putting my opinions on the table because I don’t like to get criticized. I will not feel satisfied with a poorly written piece when I know I can deliver better content; for that reason, I always strive to hand in my best work. I’ve also found out that not knowing how to start a piece is my main weakness due to writer’s block. As a result, I procrastinate and stall on a paper so that I don’t have to deal with the frustration and stress I get from the writer’s block. A technique that helps me get pass this is to orally brainstorm my ideas as if I am talking to someone. I can express myself better verbally than when it is written; I would then, type down what I have said. Once I get my inspiration back, I can continue without any hesitation. I become more proactive and start to organize and enhance the quality of my work, as I do this, new ideas flow effortlessly. Ironically, procrastination tends to be a necessary step for my process of writing because I become more focused and disciplined to complete the assignments due to the pressure and stress that I deal with.

Reading literature takes dedication and interest. That is the reason I struggle when I have to read. I don’t like starting a book or a movie because of my concern that it will not live up to my expectations. The fear that a book or a movie will not fulfill my standards is what keeps me from exploring it further. I have seen movies and read books that were not interesting, and it disappoints me to commit my time to something that is not worth it. For that reason, I would only read, see a movie or show by recommendation because I would then have intel on what the media will be based on. Recently, I started writing for fun, and I have enjoyed it. I like to write because it helps me get to know myself more and it helps me express my thoughts and feelings through introspection. As I observe things in life and think about them, I like to write them down to understand them. I write about what I have experienced and what I was thinking at that moment since it helps me reflect and look at my life in the third person.

My college experience has been progressive. A big part of this is due to the SEEK program. I would say it has helped me greatly. Knowing that other people are going through the anxiety, procrastination, stress, and the all-nighters reassures me that I shouldn’t be too tough on myself because it is a normal progress that everyone experience. The resources offered by the SEEK program such as free tutoring for any of your enrolled classes and mentorship has made a positive influence on my college experience. Attending tutoring and asking for help when it came to a task that was challenging has helped me during my time in college. I was not the type of person to ask for help; I felt prouder if I was able to achieve the task or problem alone. I used to think asking for help was a form of weakness and inferiority. However, I learned that if you put your arrogance away and ask for help when you need it, you would be more likely to succeed. A time when I experienced this was last semester when I didn’t take advantage of the help that was being offered to me for my previous classes. I decided to take the courses with few assistances. I won’t rarely ask questions about problems that I had. Now I feel like if I had asked for more tutoring sessions, my GPA would have been higher than what it is now, and I would have understood the material better. However, I didn’t believe I needed it, but I realized that I don’t just gain better grades from tutoring sessions, I also have the opportunity to interact with new people with different perspective and improve on my academic skills. SEEK has made my college experience better. I felt isolated and lost at first, not knowing anyone. But now I feel like I have a sense of belonging to a community.