

Georgina Gaucho

Professor Coleman

Personal Statement: Transfer

10 January 2007

Good Investment

Education is the key to my future. Long Beach City College was the beginning of an odyssey that will take me from waiting on tables to finishing a Ph.D. in English, acquiring a full-time teaching position, and developing a creative writing career. Transferring to the University of California at Irvine is the next step on my journey. I therefore submit the following biography in the hope that you will find me worthy of acceptance to this prestigious university.

I am an honors student with an overall GPA of 3.79. I am a high achiever and always seek to give 100% of my ability to every assignment in every class. The time and effort I devote to my classes can be seen through my Philosophy 6H research project which I completed in fall 1999; while everyone had a choice between a research paper or website, I was the only person in the class who chose to do the extra work required to produce a web site. It is not the A+ that I received, but rather the meeting of my own expectations that gave me the most satisfaction. My web site can be found at <http://home.lbcc.cc.ca.us/mlawrence/ccoleman.htm>. With encouragement from my English 1H professor, I entered the Long Beach City College's fifteenth annual essay contest in spring 1999 and won an award.

Not only am I a dedicated student, I am also very active on campus through the clubs Alpha Gamma Sigma and Leaders Across Campus. I am an officer in Alpha Gamma Sigma responsible for creating and maintaining our first web site. I serve as a mentor to an international student in Leaders Across Campus. My involvement in these clubs gives me the opportunity to

serve the college community while further developing the leadership and communication skills necessary to obtain my educational and career goals.

My goals are ambitious. Upon graduating from LBCC with honors, I desire to transfer to UCI in fall 2001 and pursue my English major. After receiving my bachelor's degree, I will pursue my graduate degree in English and ultimately teach in the community college system; with your support, I will fulfill my academic and career goals.

Michael Conran

Mrs. Coleman

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Protecting the Innocent

It is my mission in life to serve others, and to protect and defend those who cannot do so for themselves. While for twenty years I have found fulfillment serving as a United States Marine, the time has come for me to pursue the same life purpose in a different field. My goal is to work at a zoo or rescue facility, specifically, conducting research. I am very interested in the Veterinary Scientist Training Program (VSTP). Attending Saddleback Community College has been the first step toward my goal of transferring to the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. I therefore submit the following statement in the hope that you will find me worthy of acceptance to your prestigious university.

In June of 2006 I retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after twenty years of honorable service (DD 214 is available upon request). I trained as a Marine Infantryman and served in that capacity during peace and wartime. I have had the honor of serving my country during Operations Desert Shield/Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom II (OIF II). During offensive combat operations I held various leadership billets where I was directly responsible for the lives of my Marines, enemy prisoners of war, and civilians caught on the battlefield. During OIF II, I also conducted about twenty medical evacuations, removing wounded Marines from the battlefield. These experiences honed my ability to remain calm and in control in a fast changing life or death situation.

During peace time I served in various humanitarian capacities. During the Loma Prieta Earthquake in October of 1989, I worked with the American Red Cross in clean-up operations in San Francisco. While deployed multiple times to the Far East, I volunteered to work at orphanages in Thailand and the Philippines, along with senior citizen homes in Okinawa, Japan. My humanitarian service gave me valuable experience and tools needed for interacting patiently and compassionately with people in terrible life circumstances.

Furthermore, I am currently attending Saddleback Community College with an overall GPA of 4.0. I am also very active in my church and have been involved in various ministries and outreach programs within my community for over fifteen years. As you can see, I am just as dedicated to my studies and civic duties now as I was to my Marine Corps career.

While going from an infantryman to a veterinarian may seem like a stretch, believe me it is not. Growing up in rural New York I spent my early childhood days around dairy, horse and pig farms, and always enjoyed helping around the farms. As a teenager in South Florida, I would spend my free time exploring the Everglades, and studying the wildlife. I have always enjoyed and felt comfortable around animals large and small. As a child I had dreams of being a veterinarian or zoologist, but growing up in a very large, poor and uneducated family I did not believe I would ever have the opportunity to pursue my childhood dream. Now, with my son off to college and a very supportive wife I believe I can pursue that dream. If I have learned one thing during my twenty- year Marine Corps career, it is that life is short, so you better live it now, because tomorrow you may not be here.

My goal is to be a large mammal veterinarian for zoos or rescue facilities doing research to help preserve the world's wildlife. This is why I am very interested in the VSTP. I believe

that this program, with dual DVM and PhD degrees, will best help me achieve my goals, not only as a veterinarian, but as a research scientist.

My goals may sound very ambitious for a man of my age, but I consider my age an asset rather than a hindrance. I have the ambition of a man half my age, tempered with the maturity and patience that can only come from a life of experiences. I also contend that with my military and combat experience, I am better equipped than most to deal with the stresses of graduate and post graduate school.

Justine Wheeler

Professor Coleman

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7 February 2007

Point Loma Nazarene University or Academic Treasure?

Statistics show that 2,383 undergraduate students are currently enrolled at Point Loma Nazarene University. Being involved in this experience is something I would love to be apart of. I have discovered this University offers programs ranging from studying abroad, an abundance of ministry opportunities, and an astounding 56 different majors. This unique school appeals to me as the place of ultimate academic bliss. With my professional and personal goals of developing friendships, expanding my education and faith, as well as starting my own business, I believe Point Loma will be the perfect environment to achieve my aspirations

My first personal goal is to develop healthy and lasting friendships with those who share the same interests in mind. From previous experience, I believe that being surrounded by those with the same morals and values will strengthen my character. Through my eighteen years, I have found that while I was associated with a certain group of people, my views and values seemed to change to those of my peers. I have learned that surrounding myself with people of good nature and values results in strengthening one another. While researching, I found that the cornucopia of clubs and groups on campus provide students the ability to interact and potentially develop these friendships. I would love the opportunity to become involved in these activities and foster potential relationships.

My second personal goal is to expand my faith. One of the things that drew me to Point Loma was the service and ministry programs. Mission trips and service opportunity to the

community would provide me a chance to reach out to others while being a servant for Christ. This past Christmas I went to Los Angeles with a local church to promote the program "Jackets for Jesus." This allowed me to reach the needy community by providing them with jackets to keep them warm during the holiday season. I have long awaited a chance to combine my educational and extracurricular activities. The programs at this University appear, to me, the perfect blend of both.

One of my main professional aspirations has been inspired to me by my mother. She has been an ideal role model in what it takes to become an entrepreneur. This past year I have made plans to start my own personal shopping business. I love helping people pick out items of clothing that make them feel great. While I was a former employee at Nordstrom, the whole business was based on personal trade. It felt great when I would find an outfit for someone and they walked out of the store with a smile from ear to ear. I am very confident in knowing that Point Loma will potentially provide me the opportunity to develop helpful skills while studying communications. Having completed the appropriate courses, I feel I will be prepared to set my plan in motion.

Another professional goal of mine is to take my educational capacity to the limit. I am very driven and academically focused. I would like to learn as much as I possibly can as a student at Point Loma. I feel the more knowledge I have on various subjects, the better equipped I will be for anything. As a student at Saddleback College, my eyes were opened to the substantial areas of study and courses available. So many have interested me, I can not wait to begin my journey at Point Loma.

In conclusion based on my personal goals of developing friendships and expanding my faith as well as my professional goals of starting my own business and expanding my educational

knowledge, Point Loma Nazarene University fits all of my expectations as a catapult into the world. With all of the endless opportunity, Point Loma Nazarene University can make my dreams and goals obtainable.