



CAREER GOALS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

“The future is not set” (Hurd & Cameron), these words from the popular classic movie *The Terminator* are words that stick in the mind whenever discussing the future and how it might look. Knowing that no future is definite and also knowing that one must always consider for the future in order to build a desirable future, it is important to plan according to the hopes and aspirations held in a person’s heart. This paper will discuss career and education goals over the next five years including university plans, volunteer plans, and finally ultimate career objectives.

The first step in planning for the future is deciding on the correct university and the best degree strategy. The university has been chosen and plans are in place to begin fall semester of 2011 with the first step toward an undergraduate degree in either Business Administration or History with a minor in Philosophy by 2015. Upon completion of the undergraduate degree, the next step will be

beginning work on a master's degree with a completion goal of 2017. This educational outlook will contribute to the long-term goals regarding the ultimate career objectives. While this educational goal will take the timeline to just over five years, it gives a complete overview of upcoming educational plans.

Another important step in planning for the future is choosing the best extracurricular volunteer activities to compliment a person's ultimate career plans. Volunteer activities will begin this summer with athletic camp and intentions to continue this volunteer activity throughout college on an annual basis. Another possible volunteer activity is tutoring or peer coaching during the academic year, which would assist in developing personal skills in leading and educating others. These volunteer activities will contribute directly to the long-term career objectives that are being anticipated with this five-year plan.

The most important step in planning for the future is determining the ultimate career goals that are desired from the efforts put forth in education and extracurricular volunteer activities. The long-term career goals to keep in mind while implementing this plan are two possibilities. The first consideration would be to teach at high school or college level in some capacity. Teaching is a deep and personal dream that would be a very fulfilling career path to take. Another consideration would be entrepreneurial ownership of an athletic facility aimed at conditioning and instruction. Athletics and fitness are passions that could also lead to a very fulfilling career. These two

possible career objectives would each be satisfying in its own way, and bringing satisfaction into consideration of career goals is an important part of planning a happy life.

Over the next five years, the main career goals will be an undergraduate education in either Business Administration or History major with Philosophy minor as well as volunteer activities that will guide toward future long-term career objectives in education or entrepreneurship. Taking the time to explore one's dreams and passions when considering possible goals over the next five years is an important aspect of making those goals. These may be daunting goals but to this writer, they would represent a personal vision fulfilled.