Adam Champagne

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David Campbell Scholarship Application

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1. I have been accepted by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (EDII) and have already submitted my enrolment deposit. I am extremely excited to attend RPI in the fall and get one of the best educations in architecture (along with its ethics and sustainability) that our country has
2. I plan to study architecture. Even at a young age I had a passion for architecture. I love new and old buildings and the way that they can convey emotions and change how we live. Last summer before I made my final decision on Architecture, I went to the Summer @RPI Career Discovery Architecture Program. I immediately fell in love with RPI and I just knew that Architecture is what I am called to do. It is not just about building a building; it is about being a global citizen and passively contributing to the betterment of society and the world through the way that buildings can be made with both efficiency and creativity in mind.
3. My most valuable characteristic/asset is the fact that I am a generally well rounded person. I love to learn and have a wide variety of things that I am good at. I can do a bit of everything. Yet another characteristic that I believe is very valuable in my self is my sense of leadership. I love to be able to help others achieve their goals through organization. I have had numerous leadership roles as I will later discuss.
4. I have done numerous community service projects both in and outside of school. At my church, I perform in our worship band and work at the sound board/ tech booth when I am not singing. I have volunteered at New Horizons in Manchester in the past. I also have participated in numerous church activities like food drives and land cleanup.  The majority of my community service has been done on my own initiative but a few things, like volunteering at the blood drive has been for school activities. Recently I have volunteered at the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter (on 2 Quincy Street). I have arranged small groups of students to join me there about once a week for the past month. We go because we enjoy it; I have even made some friends while serving there! In addition to all of my other service commitments, I am in touch with a company called Tiny House Northeast. Tiny House Northeast is a local tiny house construction company (partially based in Londonderry NH) that builds tiny homes both for clients and for charity. I am extremely excited to be able to both serve the community and to support a cause that I truly believe is one of the numerous answers to the problems that our world faces.
5. I have not had much time for jobs in my high school career. I have done numerous one time fill in jobs like parking cars for Nightmare New England and docking boats on a small lake in Upstate New York, but the only notable job that I have held is working at Noel’s Tree Farm here in Litchfield. During the prime season I worked about 28 hours a week in addition to my vigorous high school course load. In this job I was a tree salesmen who had to do lots of heavy lifting, tying trees to cars and customer service. The majority of my pay was from tips. I held this positon from November of 2014 to January of 2015. I also plan to obtain a job once my current commitments are completed.
6. I am highly active in extracurricular activities. I am a team Co-Captain of CHS’s FIRST Robotics Team; during our build season I would devote well over 40 hours a week. This activity has a time commitment of this for a 6-8 week period and then weans down to a few hours a week after that. I also am a member of National Honor Society (approx. 2 hours a week, Tri-M Music Honors Society (approx. 1 hour a week), Ski Club (7 hours a week), The Environmental Ecology Club (approx. one hour a week), and a few other misc. clubs. I am a member of my church worship team, I do sound and lighting at my church, and I volunteer for fun at numerous worthwhile charities/causes.
7. .       I love design. I actually design buildings in the game Minecraft, and have recently won two Scholastic Art Awards for some of my work. One piece was on display at Pinkerton Academy and is now exhibited at Plymouth State University.  I run Minecraft servers so others can see my works and enjoy themselves as a group. This takes up what little time I have outside of my school and work commitments. I also have a passion for Music. I am in AP Music Theory and love to compose music using my knowledge of how the components of a song can effectively convey emotion. I enjoy numerous other activities but in my senior year, unfortunately I have not had time for all that I would like to do.
8. In my lifetime I want to make a change. I don’t want to be a famous ‘star-chitect’. I want to leave a legacy in the things, both big and small that I have done to make the world a better place for all, whether it is building affordable and sustainable housing for those who need it or making someone’s day just a little bit brighter. I see myself in 7 years (5+ years of college and at least one year of the accreditation process) living in a sustainable off grid Tiny Home, working for a small architecture firm in Albany, Boston, or wherever in the northeast that I can find meaningful work as an architect for change. Then ten years after that I see myself owning my own architecture firm with my goals of change in mind; because if we become desensitized to the ongoing looming problems of our society, we will never make any progress. For example if the hunter/gatherers had been content struggling to find food, farming would have never had been brought in to practice.
9. I not only hope but expect to be worked hard in college and learn my monies worth. I will gain valuable and varied skills that will assist me in becoming an architect and staying true to myself. I know that RPI is a top school for students just like me who want to be trained how to approach things rather than be told what to do. I will learn about how as an architect I can contribute to the world and to use architecture as a benevolent gift to the world as my contribution due to the world as a global citizen. I will learn how to use my creative nature to help solve the world’s problems and to change culture for the better. Building can no longer just sit there passively, they must be built to an exacting precision to solve the problems that they face and use their natural assets to their advantage sustainably. Above all, I hope with all of my heart that I do not lose myself, my goals, my curiosity, and my passion; without these things, I would be no better than a worker in a cubicle, only working because he has to, not because he wants to make a difference in the world.