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Growing up in a rural town like Lincoln City, Oregon, sparked my interest in public works and fueled ideas about civil planning improvements early on. My humble surroundings only motivated me to imagine more for myself. Participating in activities such as golf team, student council, and environment-focused volunteer work throughout high school showed me the value of teamwork, honesty, perseverance, and education.

Today, I am nearing the end of a summer internship where I worked full-time for Oregon State University assisting in civil and construction planning. Being a part of this work allowed me to expand my knowledge about utilities, drafting in CAD, interacting with professionals in the industry, and gaining more confidence in my own abilities as a civil engineer. My interest in the field has only grown with the experience I've gained – specifically, discovering my passion for civil design and water resources.

I am about to embark on my fourth year at Oregon State University with the end goal of obtaining my bachelor's degree in civil engineering with a focus on civil design. I am eager to learn even more about my field and how I can incorporate sustainable practices into my career while applying the knowledge I've learned throughout my education. I see myself working for a few years before heading back to school for my master's degree and choosing a more specific focus in the civil field.

To the Oregon APWA: I want to say thank you. I am incredibly grateful for your investment in my education as well as in my future as a civil engineer. I can't wait to see where this path takes me!

