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A few things about me:

I am the youngest of three sons. I come from a family that highly values intellectual pursuits and, as such, I developed an intense curiosity and passion for mathematics and science. As a young child I paid close attention to my environment and demanded an explanation for the entire phenomenon present within the natural world. I acquired a mastery of verbal fluency at a very young age, and successfully used it to my advantage – as I love to talk, and enjoy a good-spirited debate. I enjoy school very much and always set high academic goals for myself. Throughout high school I developed a passion for the performing arts and participated extensively in various choirs and theatrical performances. I have received the privilege to work with disadvantaged children, helping them to gain literacy and numeracy skills. Cooking, live theater, traveling, and learning anything and everything I can is what I enjoy most. I spent one year at Utah State University before serving an LDS mission to Joãn Pessoa, Brazil. I currently am majoring in Biology with a Cellular/Molecular emphasis, but I am most passionate about Neuroscience. I have been involved with Dr. Tim Gilbertson’s Taste and Nutrition Lab and both physical and behavioral science projects. I currently work with Dr. Catalin Buhusi and Dr. Mona Buhusi studying the function of the nervous system and the implications that drugs and disease have both on the biological function of the brain and their effects of behavior. Along with working with Dr. Andy Anderson as a teaching assistant for a Human Anatomy class. In the future I plan on applying to a MD/PhD program with an emphasis on neuroscience research.

