Greetings all,

A little bit about me, I currently reside in Chula Vista, CA where I was born and raised although I did have a blast during my undergraduate studies living in Los Angeles, CA. I currently work as a Lead Quality Assurance Auditor for an up-and-coming healthcare organization. Throughout the majority of my academic experience, I've fulfilled multiple customer service roles to which I've had the opportunity to meet and interact with large groups of folks on a daily basis from various backgrounds and professions. After many years of working in the service industry, I've noticed the power of communication and how simple but difficult it can be for people to navigate both in their workplace and personal lives. My experience in these service roles have inspired me to pursue a MA in Strategic Communications and also play a factor in shaping my future professional objectives.

One of my main professional objectives includes embarking on a journey towards completing a PhD program in Human Resource Management. In a time when the value of higher education is in constant societal critique from folks of differing opinions, values, lived experiences and *privileges*; I seek to utilize academia as a foundation for implementing safe, healthy and equitable spaces where all folks have the ability to be seen, valued and treated with dignity.

A consistent hobby of mine that I've carried for years is singing. Music as a whole can become a therapeutic and wonderful way of feeling in tune with oneself. A recent favorite album of mine to sing from is the **Cowboy Carter** Album by Beyoncé! The lyrics, sounds and emotions of the album truly brighten and uplift my spirit during times of need.

