

## Autobiography

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Writing this autobiography is difficult for me because condensing my whole life into a few pages is kind of overwhelming, in a sense. I have the opportunity to share a piece of my life with someone but I'm only able to pick a few pages worth and hope that whoever reads them understands me, as I have come to understand myself.

My name is Cayla ELaine Davenport, and I live in a rural, small town called Roann. I was born on September 10, 1988 at Wabash county hospital. Living in a small town as a child, I grew to love knowing all my neighbors and attending church every Sunday morning. I still want to continue to live in the town where I was born and raised, and build a family of my own.

Growing up, I would spend my days reading, catching lightning bugs, playing Nintendo, and making tents out of blankets. I enjoyed school, mostly because I got to spend time with my friends but I did well grade wise as well. My teachers would always sit the new kid of the class next to me, because they knew that I would end up talking to them and sooner or later we would become good friends. I made a lot of my friends that way and I still try to make conversation with someone I could potentially call friend.

I knew that I wanted to be a teacher ever since my first grade year, I just didn't know what I wanted to teach. My teachers always encouraged me to take chances and step outside my

comfort zone to experience life, and I want to do that for others. Working with children, I can still enjoy the small priceless moments life has to offer. For example, I cadet taught at my old elementary school; I had the joy of spending at least an hour a day with twenty wonderful little first graders. There were moments that I will cherish forever, and I was lucky to have spent time with each and every student, and I got to know them personally.

Not only did my teachers influence me, but my family has always been the ones to stand by my side. My parents help me to succeed as much as they possibly can and my sister has been a best friend to me throughout her lifetime. We recently took my dad to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo for his fiftieth birthday, and it was so much fun. It amazes me how close of a family we are, that we could do anything as a family and still have the time of our lives. I like to spend time with my family and be there for them, like they are for me.

Everybody in my life has made each passing day a joy, and I hope they feel the same way about me. I get the most I can out of life, and at the same time have some fun with it. I've really accomplished a lot in my life: loving family, lots of terrific friends, and the ability to laugh until I cry.

Thankfully, the positive things outweigh the negative aspects life has to offer. However, there were times where I was greatly disappointed with myself, but mistakes just make you stronger and little by little, I would become stronger every day.

I started to volunteer in high school and I found a way to make others happy through wrapping presents at Christmas, helping with the contestants in the Special Olympics, being a mentor to a child less fortunate than me, or just giving up time in my life to spend with others. I started walking in the March of Dimes and not only do I get to spend time with friends, but by me walking, I'm saving lives. It's an amazing feeling to volunteer and it made me a better

person.

I'm constantly learning new things about myself. Working at Ford Meter Box over the summer taught me that I could be a hard worker, by doing my best to not only be accepted by the employees, but prove to myself that I could do it. Also, maintaining a gas station by myself can be really stressful, but I've found that I am up to the challenge, and I do my very best every time.

That is my life contained in a few pieces of paper, I had to leave a lot of stuff out but hopefully you've developed a better understanding of who I am as a person. I like to enjoy life and everything in it, which is why I smile all the time. I can't help but be excited about what is to come and how my life fits into the future. Anything could happen and all five feet of me is ready to take on the world.