

“A Walk Through My Life”

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Abstract

This paper will present my life and how I have grown up physically and mentally. It will demonstrate the importance of my family and friends and how they have played a significant role throughout my life. In addition, this paper will also show how I have become the person that I am today.

Autobiography

The day was Wednesday, November 7, 1988 when my parents, Dennis and Ginger Forbes, rushed into McCray Memorial Hospital, knowing that when they returned home everything would be very different. The time came at 10:17A.M., when my mother delivered a seven pound three ounce, twenty and three-quarter inch baby boy. She decided to name him Trey Andrew Forbes. Only a few days later I arrived at my new home greeted by my older brother, Keith. Little did he know he was being introduced to not only a younger brother, but yet to know, his new best friend.

My life began living in a one story ranch style home, in the city of Kendallville, Indiana, with my parents and my older brother. My brother and I did absolutely everything together, when he cried, I cried, when he went to sleep, I went to sleep. This created a bond between us that was inseparable. He guided me through every point in my life, teaching me right from wrong, stepping in as much more than a brother. I was only three years old when my parents decided that they were not right for each other, which led to a divorce. Since the divorce happened so early in my life, it did not greatly affect my childhood. However, as I look back on

that today, I see that my father's weaknesses have in turn become some of my greatest strengths. One of the greatest things that I gained was the refusal to accept failure.

After my years of running free while everyone else was in school, I became curious as to what went on behind the wall of that brick school building. I soon found out and started attending North Side Elementary School. Before long I became to love school and refused not to go. There were days that I was too ill to go, and the only reason I stayed home was because my mother forced me. I loved the environment and enjoyed having friends my own age. However, my favorite part of school was the accomplishment that came along with it. Every paper and every award that I received meant more to me than anyone knew.

My middle school years were possibly some of the best years of my life. I had freedom of choosing classes and made even more friends because other elementary schools joined to make my school, Kendallville Middle School. Athletics became even more challenging and competitive, and the opportunity for Christmas dances and all nighters with friends nearly every weekend. Though my school work was very important to me, I also became a very social and outgoing person. I became active in football, basketball, track, baseball, student council, and PRIDE. These activities laid the foundation for high school.

High school was an opportunity in itself, where choices became a part of everyday life. I took everything my mother and brother had taught me about leadership and applied it to the next four years. I looked at high school as an opportunity to become myself and stand for myself. I participated in football, basketball, baseball, student council, and I.C.E. I worked hard through high school, striving for good grades and to become a well-known athlete. I was a busy kid which helped keep me from bad habits. I had a good group of friends who always had my

back and would never let me down. High school was some of the best years of my life and truly prepared me for the next step in my life.

Athletics taught me more than anything else in my life. My football team was a huge family to me, and the coaches acted as second parents. It taught me many different important aspects of life and helped me overcome many obstacles that I would have never thought that a person could conquer. Football is also the type of sport where if you work hard it is going to pay off. In addition, it taught me respect, hard work, and dedication. Athletics taught me how to succeed by working hard, never quitting, and pushing through pain. These have all become a part of who I am.

Although the extracurricular activities were very important, I also made academics a top priority. I was able to be in the top quarter of my high school and was inducted into National Honors Society. After such a great high school career I knew that it was important to further my education and attend college. I also wanted to continue my baseball career at the college level, which led me to Manchester College.

My choice of college came very easy to me. I knew that Manchester College had a great education program as well as a great baseball program, which suits me perfectly. I have made many new friends and have adapted to a completely different environment. I am excited for the challenges which lie ahead in my path of life and I plan to conquer all challenges with the life lessons I have learned throughout my years.