My name is Sean Hopkins. I have been pursuing a business degree at Delta College for seven semesters now. I am a finance major and will be transferring to Northwood University in the upcoming fall semester, pending my acceptance. One thing that I think you should know about me is that I have a strong sense of perseverance. I have had more difficulties in my life than the average person and some of those things that I have had to overcome are homelessness, mental illness and trauma. After much time and discipline, I have been able to move on and obtain my first degree here at Delta College. I don't take anything for granted anymore, and I know that completing my B.B.A. at Northwood University is reachable. With the knowledge, I have gained from these recent setbacks and the standards I have set for myself about how to live and maintain a normal life when the unexpected happens, I believe my foundation is strong enough to overcome any situation.

My extra-curricular activities are quite minimal, but I don't believe that my participation reflects my ambition or commitment whatsoever. A few of my extra-curricular activities are flying my drone and taking aerial photos, walking my husky, and the occasional playing of my video game. But, what drives me is the desire to learn. I am always seeking out new things and when something interests me I become absorbed in the material. Finance just so happens to be one of the facets of my infatuation with learning. Topics that I am currently reading about include literature on nano-spheres and their application in modern medicine, cognitive decline and nootropics, Bitcoin and investing in it, and terms from my Finance and Investing Handbook. I have done much volunteer work in the past. Some of the places I have volunteered for are recycling companies, thrift stores, and church organizations. Most of my time currently is spent working my part-time custodial job and last year, an internship.

My career plans have recently changed in the last month. I got around to reading some marketing books I bought recently and realized it wasn't the career path for me. I chose finance because I wouldn't be set back any longer and the earning potential is significantly greater than that of marketing jobs, with the exception of management. I also chose finance because I didn't feel that sales and advertising classes were preparing me for a sound understanding of how business actually works, in regard to markets and investments. These are the things I became fascinated by before I began to study business. This desire led me to the financial advising/planning career pathway. I believe I have the correct communication and people skills that will allow me to excel in advising, at least in that respect.