



## Summer Reflection

This summer I took two classes in which I was able to achieve higher than a B- in both. All at the same time my mom trusted me to do manual house labor, rebuilding the porch we have as well as repainting the wood. At one point this summer my basement fled due to a broken washing machine, and my basement is large. My mother entrusted me by working together hard to dry the massive carpet that blankets the whole basement, carry it out by cutting and such and taking it out as well as cleaning it. After that, I did a week long job where I put down new planks my mom bought and essentially re-did the whole entire floor by making it wood. It's something I never even did the likes of before other than building ikea furniture, and my mom calmed me down in frustrating times of the project by showing me to take things step by step and not overthinking the big picture. I think it really convinced me that I'm more capable of things than my occasional anxiety would make me think, I just need to breathe and take my time, and I can do anything.



**My goals lie in many places, but mainly I want to be able to work in a technology focused job with a heavy social aspect, one where my importance lies in the artistic representation of products such as computer focused software/hardware. I want that job to provide me with enough money to serve me in vacations where I can travel the world, and I want it to provide me with a stable apartment or home where I can paint my own walls while I'm young and semi-design a nice living space where I can do private work such as drawing or making music as well as further my career in. Also a garage space to have a car I can work on my own. Eventually I hope to retire to upstate New York with enough savings to be able to kayak and fish and still stay connected to whatever awesome tech will be around then, and of course still play the guitar, and continue tinkering with cars.**



## Academic Coaching

Academic coaches I've been told heavily improve your outlook on how to organize time for schoolwork and can help as a resource which makes the direction I should go clear. This sounds very appealing to me and I definitely need to take advantage of it this coming year.

## My Inspiration, Carroll Shelby



Carroll Shelby was a man born with many heart issues in a family supported by a mail carrier, yet as he grew up he focused on his love for automotive racing, he also loved piloting and was in the air force. Once he was older and didn't have as many heart issues, he came out top of so many races without almost any practice, sometimes just for fun. His heart issues eventually came back, making it so that he can't race, but he was so in love with cars that he ended up making them. He built ford cars that beat legendary Ferraris at Le Mans showing true American spirit and strength even through extreme hardship. I want to aspire to be a man with that strong of a legacy left behind.

Achieve at least a B average across all my most important classes, and support them with good grades in elective classes.	Utilize organizational tools such as the digital calendar to build stress-free timing in which I can finish work and study. I will utilize rutgers tutoring resources and professor extra help as well.
Keep a positive outlook, and don't get overly stressed and sad about minute failures. Always stay head strong. That way I will be able to see my work as a task or puzzle to complete as oppose to stress that I feel will affect my life directly.	Just breathe in times of stress, realize the solution is by analyzing my issue and taking it step by step and always do things such as projects and studying with a comfortable pace, get help if I need it and don't feel embarrassed or lazy to drive back to school for that help.
Participate in outside of class events and take interest in clubs.	Be more outspoken to my classmates, try to make more friends by realizing other people want to make friends too.

## Challenges

This summer I almost got suspended from what was my dream school. That in it of itself was the biggest challenge. I was afraid to tell any of my closest peers in the predicted shadow of their judgement, and in total I just felt like the life was brought out of me. However, it made me remember my goal isn't about the figuring out of right now, but to set up a successful base in which I can figure the specifics out later. It's important to make a general goal, and find a specific target for success in the now. That is the core thing I learned from my mom's advice whom I got a lot closer with this summer after fighting with her endlessly in the beginning due to my shortcomings. I also spoke to my aunt who is a doctor and really cleared my head about my goals by doing a lot of manual labor. All in all this summer was a battle of my own head, but I realized I did my summer courses well very easily. I could have done even better were it not for the initial stress and sad episodes I had from feeling like I may leave rutgers. A fear I shouldn't have had because this year will be my revival and comeback! With my current attitude, if I keep it up and stay positive and breathe through my lows, I can raise my grades and gpa and live the happy life I always wanted.