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Brief Bio:

I have lived in Thomaston for all my life with my mom and dad. I have a sister that's eight years older than me, so I have experienced the life of having a sibling and being an only child. That being said, I never lived in anyone else's shadow, and had to make a name for myself in my family. While a lot of my family around my age were really popular and well known, I was not really known until 10th grade when I joined the math team at my high school. I enjoyed solving problems and going to math meets at different schools and colleges. Even though I was not the best at math, during my senior year I became captain of the math team. Besides math, I've always enjoyed drawing, watching anime, playing video games, listening to music, going bowling, and hanging out with my friends. Being on the math team made me realize that the friends around you influence you the most. I was influenced by some of the smartest and coolest students in my graduating class, and we are still friends today influencing each other for the better.

I have been at Gordon State for 2 years now, and plan on graduating in May of 2015 with an Associate's in Information Technology and another in Sociology. To be honest, I do not have any solid plans for after I graduate with my Associate degrees. I do plan on taking a break from school to figure out what I truly want to do, and what I need to do to get there. I have been offered an I.T. job with a friend of mine in Auburn, and also a job in Atlanta through my sister. Given those offers I'll probably work, and get some experience while I make my decision on what will be my next step.