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Finding Language – Personal Statement

The world of language is a great tool that allows us to have great connection between each one another. In studying Spanish, the language and community, has allowed me to apply the culture that I have learned to my own culture; therefore I am able to better my understanding of the world around me.

I grew up in a small town named, South Pasadena, CA. I was always introverted and I really wanted to make a difference in the world. In high school, I took nursing classes and EMT classes because I love science. As, I reached community college, I found a new love for learning languages such as Mandarin, Chinese and Spanish. I wanted to know more about the science in learning new languages, ultimately I found Linguistics which, is the science of languages. I was fascinated in the process and ability of learning a new language.

My initial curiosity started when I first learned Chinese. I wanted to get better at acquiring the language. I started looking at the characters and how each part of the character had a meaning. For example, the character for moon, “月”(Yuè) came from the initial pictographs of a symbol like picture of a moon in crescent form. This technique in learning the meanings behind characters with the rich history of where it came from helped me learn 100+ characters.

In English, we started of with the non written proto-indo-european language, took a long journey through time to become the spoken language we all speak today. Old English, was used to

communicate between merchants in trading goods. The sound was very Germanic and is often hear to the similar words of Friesian. Middle English, introduced the wonderful story of the Canterbury Tales and has strong sound of Latin in its roots. It is very fascinating how the language progresses through the years and that is the reason why, studying languages is important.

In learning Spanish, I hope to explore the rich history of the language and its journey of becoming the Spanish language we all know today. At CSUMB, I hope to further my understanding and knowledge of the language to better communicate with the Spanish speaking community. I would like to be a bridge to further the understanding and communication with Spanish speakers and non-Spanish.