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There are several reasons why I decide to major in Spanish. One of the main reasons is because Spanish is my first language and I do not want to loose it.

Another reason is because back in high school I had an excellent teacher who made me realize the importance of being bilingual in the United States. Thanks to my education in Spanish, I feel very proud of my identity.

My family migrated to the United States when I was only 11 years old. It was very difficult for me to assimilate a new language, customs and culture. I started my education in the United States as a six grader and started to receive English instruction. Spanish is my first language and even though I spoke only Spanish at home, I started feel more comfortable in English.

My second year of high school, I took a Spanish class. At first I thought it was going to be an easy class because I knew how to speak the language. For my surprise, it was one of the most difficult classes I took that year. I learned a lot about the language and Hispanic culture that awaked on me an intense interest in wanting to foment my Spanish knowledge.

I graduated form high school in 1995 and attended Hartnell College for two years where I continued to study Spanish and started to complete my general education. Due to financial necessary I stopped my education and started to work. I recently went back to school to finish what I had started. I'm now a mother of two boys and decided to set an example to them by completing my education.

My studies at CSUMB have provided me an important and enormous personal and academic growth that will eventually help me to achieve my main objective of becoming a Spanish teacher. All the courses are preparing me to meet my goal of becoming a Spanish teacher at a high school level. One of the reasons why I want to become an educator is because I want to be able to give back to students the knowledge's I have acquired. Another reason is because I believe that being an educator is a rewarding job and it will be amazing to be able to teach a subject I am so passionate about. I am working extremely hard to accomplish my educational goals. I have no doubt that my educational goals will be met because I have the potential, courage, discipline and determination to do so.