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### Integrity

To show my life and the different components through an analogy I have chosen a house. I will show the most important things to me by giving examples of the different structural members that make a house a house.

For structure I have chosen to use the foundation. This being the strongest part of the house that holds everything in place I would compare this to my family. From a young age my mom held me up and kept me in place no matter what the situation was. She has taught me things and has given me the structure to my life. For my dad he has been a mentor to me in always being behind me in every decision I have ever made. He holds me up and pushes me to do everything I know I am capable of. This is why I compare my family to the structure of a house, they hold me up and are the base of my life.

The style of my life is compared to the interior design. Without the looks and style of a house it would be bland and boring, much like my life. I believe that what makes me myself is my style and personality. A house is not a home without the personal touches. This is the way I express myself and show my uniqueness. I like people to think of me as my own person and not generalize me into certain groups. So with my humor and style that I carry I try my hardest to make a name and a lasting impression for myself.

Something that holds an entire house together as well as shelters is the roof. And when I think of cohesion in my life I think of my future. I have been A fire cadet since I was fourteen years old and have wanted to pursue a career in the fire department since I was eight years old.

Knowing this has helped hold my life together because it leaves no unanswered questions. I have it together when I think about my future and what is in store for me. This has also sheltered me in the fact that I know what I must do reach my goals and has kept me out of trouble because of that.

Strength in my life is compared to the framework of a house, or the skeleton. I think of this as my friends and people I care about. Without them, I would not be who I am today, much like how a house cannot stand tall without something to keep it up. This strength has built me up throughout my life, and continues to do so as I prepare to start a new chapter. Being on the football team all 4 years of high school has also taught me to work extremely well with others to achieve a common goal. It has taught me to bond with my friends and have bonds that will never go away.

The most durable piece to a home is the walls, they can be taken down and built back up, but once they are up they stand strong. I compare this trait to my perseverance in the fact that I know my morals and I strongly stick to them. When things question me or I am put into a tough situation I think of my walls. I think of what I was taught and that is what keeps me who I am. They hold me up and keep me on the right track.

Direction. The front walkway to a house describes this perfectly. This is the way you go when you enter the house as well as leave. This compares to my future. Coming into life you don't know what you will be dealt, but for me I found out very young that I wanted to make something of myself and have a profession that I love. This has always been the plan from me. On the front walkway you are by yourself. Alone. But still very close is everything that make you who you are. I believe the front walkway or the direction you are going is the biggest step in your life.

From the foundation or my family, my style, my passions that keeps everything together, my strength or my friends, the walls or my perseverance, and the front walkway the beginning and

end. These all shape who I am, they make my myself and everything, not always perfect, but I wouldn't trade any of it for anything.