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Why Honors

When considering your first career or a career change it is a good idea to have a head start. In the interview process for a job or graduate school, experiences in an honors program will indicate to a prospective employer or graduate school that you have dedicated yourself to leadership, academics, and personal development.

Demonstrating commitment to go above and beyond the standard requirements of college indicates your willingness to do so in future ventures. Understanding this potential impact of having honors experience associated with my tenure at Mankato State University, I am hoping this will allow me to engage in future opportunities of greater caliber. When I first attended college at Normandale Community College, I had the opportunity to sit on the student government, giving me the opportunity to influence student policy.

College environments present a great deal of opportunity for students from intellectual, social, and physical objectives. Depending on a person's individual needs and skill sets a college will provide opportunities that fit the needs and desires of each student. Given my previous life experiences in science, my objective for returning to college is to orient myself with new and unfamiliar challenges, in this case, art. Through honors, I will be able to broaden the scope of experiences outside the studio environment.

Leadership opportunities are necessary for personal and emotional growth. Such opportunities come in many forms, from day-to-day interactions with peers to formal roles as leading groups or organizations. Leadership gives people the opportunity to develop skills to motivate peers toward a future vision. It is my hope that I can build on my previous skills gained in leadership roles and sharpen them. It is important to note that participation in honors is not just about me but also about the benefits to others.

On a personal level, my goal is to get as much out of my return to the academic environment as possible. Having already been through this one time before, I know the importance and benefits of involvement in the milieu. Hopefully, my involvement will help not just benefit myself but also others.

Professionally, the continued development of my underlying skills can only be improved. There is no known end point to development, just different phases. I am just at a different phase. Given my age, I may be at a disadvantage, thus having honors experience will give me a leg up.