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I stepped into the game of basketball when I was five years old and I instantly fell in love with the idea of the game. I didn't start out as the best but as I practiced, I soon became at a higher level and the game became more competitive for my audience and peers. Basketball is my therapy and something I will always have a strong passion for.

When I lived on the reservation my home basketball team was easily beating other teams and had no competition. As soon as my mom noticed that it was going nowhere, she made a huge decision to move me out to Madras, Oregon. A lot of my family seen this as a huge opportunity but myself on the other hand was excited to try something new and bring my game to another level. I had a successful transfer and made varsity as a freshman point-guard.

However, during pre-season I didn't get as much playing time as I imagined but that didn't stop me from being able to work for the spot I wanted. The season began and I was finally a starter on varsity. Later on down the road I ran into a bump in the road as people

called it but it ruined my freshman year. I broke my wrist and was out for the rest of the season. My Support System did not pay much attention after my incident. I became emotionally lost and hurt. I didn't have much interest in basketball because expectations interfered with the love for the game. I then removed myself from the game because I became distracted from my boyfriend. I was soon expecting my babygirl monika. On top of that I was also removed from my mother's care and put into foster care.

I wasn't stable and I had to move to portland. After I realized I had to get my act right is when I was so motivated to continue school throughout my pregnancy which I did. I also went out of my way to make sure I was still being educated after I had monika. They gave me the option to do homeschooling so after I had monika a week later they began my Independent Study. I was determined and I finished my sophomore year passing all my classes. I played summer league with madras high school and I look forward to finishing my last two years here with the

high school. I am currently enrolled with on online course and will be getting my past credits in. I have been present every day and been determined to keep my grades up to be on track to graduate. I look forward to hearing back about this season.