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Hello, my name is Conrad Delmundo and I was born and raised in Fresno, California; this is in central California. I expect to graduate in the Fall of 2018 from California State University, Fresno. Before deciding on my current career pathway, I changed my major from computer science, to public safety and finally found that nursing has a calling for me.

Growing up I remembered watching my mother wake very early in the morning to go to work at the dialysis to care for her patients. When I my dad would take me to visit her at work as a young child, I would watch my mother from a far. She was always speaking to the patients as she provided care. She was very active in engaging in conversation with the patients. I could tell my mother loved her job, and she has a passion for caring, this is something I strive to be like.

My sister also a healthcare worker would at times be so distraught by the loss of life she had seen at her work. So much, that I have noticed her need to be the best at her job. My sister also has a passion in caring for others. All the times that I saw my sister and mother find joy in helping others instilled in me the desire to help others as well. These moments I witnessed growing up were seeds that pointed me in the direction of a career in nursing.

Initially I did not have the confidence to provide care for others. It wasn't until I started working as a security officer at a hospital, I started to realize that I too could help others in the form of nursing. For 4 years I watched as nurses cared and taught patients, I started to believe that I too could fill this role. I changed my major in 2011 and finally got my letter of acceptance into Fresno State's nursing program in 2015, I could say that was one of the happiest days of my life.

While in nursing school several events took place that created stress for me. On the first day of school, I learned my brother was ill; through love and support I have been there to help ease his mind and helped him focus on what he needs to stay healthy. I also was present when my father's cardiac event, and my mother and I recognized the symptoms early enough that he didn't have any neurological deficits from the event. So already in just my first 2 semesters I was faced with hard times and have since even dug deeper my passion for nursing.

In the past 5 years If I could answer what I felt was the best thing I bought for under 100 dollars, I would say it has been my membership into NSNA, from here I have made so many connections. I have also learned how to write a resolution and in 2017, we passed one with members of CSU, Fresno's CNSA Chapter nationally. I have learned that our profession does not end on the nursing floor, but continues into board meetings and in the Capitol Building in Sacramento.

Goals:

- While on the CNSA Board I hope to help foster the growth of chapters locally and statewide.
- Bring speakers that will have the students engaged and provide beneficial education to the students.
- Help increase professionalism in our constituents through education and student involvement.
- Work with volunteer committee members to help plan and coordinate CNSA's annual convention.
- Work with leaders in the Central Valley to host a Central California Membership meeting.
- Make connections for future projects