

Hidden Passion

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3-D NIA Statement for THE NIA STATEMENT OF PURPOSE PROJECT

Dedicated to my daughter, Halle V. Richardson

Part I: Haiku

Ideas with Passion

Awaken the Deepest Dreams

To Make Them Come True!

Part II: Spoken Word Poem

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Passion, Passion, ain't that just an emotion?!? My emotions change just about every day, so how do they, the teachers, professors, and parents expect me to know what I want to do with my life and then expect me to be passionate about it.

I'm always asked, "Danielle, whatcha gonna do when you graduate, what are you passionate about?"

I say, "just graduating and getting out of school."

They say, "NO, NO, NO, then what? After graduation, what next?"

I say, "Heck, I don't know, I'll just go with the flow" Get a job, maybe graduate school, we'll see"

They sigh and say, "Any goals, dreams, aspirations that you can work toward-A plan?"

I say, "Uhhmm, yeah, I always wanted to own my own music school with my husband, with decorated rooms based on the instrument taught, name the rooms, have a recital hall attached, have a scholarship fund, reduce or no fees for children from low-income households, have the best music teachers at this school, after school lessons, the whole nine yards, even have instrument rentals at the school. All of a sudden, My passion spiraled up from the bottom of my belly up my throat, and came through my voice...My innermost ideas stirred up a passion inside of me. Then, I tell my all of 'them' that I DO have ideas and a passion for my ideas to come true. I just can't start a business, I must work toward my ideas by pursuing the knowledge needed to run this type of business. MBA, I'm on the way.

That's when it clicked, I'm not a mundane lacsidasicle woman. I'm a great student, future graduate student, wife, mother, and daughter with ideas and dreams ready to explode. I turned my ideas to goals and with my mentor's help, I brought my passions to light and was able to set up a plan to reach my goals. All I needed was to reveal my Hidden Passion

Part III: Standard Essay

"The essential conditions of everything you do must be choice, love, passion".

Nadia Boulanger

I'm Danielle Gavin Richardson from Tallahassee, Florida. In my life, the choices I've made that involved love and passion have been the most advantageous choices of my life. Nadia Boulanger, a renowned musician, conductor, and composer, is recognized as one of the best 20th century musicians because her musicianship was ingrained with her love and passion. My love and passion to own and operate a successful music school will only be evident once I choose to embark on the path to graduate school. Obtaining a Master of Business Administration will enable me to run my own business where my love, heart, and passion lie.

Although I'm tonal death, can barely keep a beat, and wasted my parent's money for piano and violin lessons, music has a special place in my heart. My husband is an accomplished organist who also plays the piano and my younger brother found his forte in the trumpet. Music lives all around me from the radio I listen to in the car, to the recitals I attend with my husband, to the lullabies I play for my daughter

as she sleeps at night, to the praise music sung at the church. Music evokes emotions, feelings, and sets moods. The impact music has on our lives is fundamental.

Upon completion of graduate school, I will open a music school that will allow students of all ages to embrace multiple music forms and instruments. Not only does musical performance evoke emotions, but it incorporates a learning style that may be essential to other curriculums. My personal goal of earning a graduate degree is to obtain the necessary knowledge, research methods, and procedures to birth ideas and businesses that will produce positive outlets for youth to get in touch with their goals and dreams. I have not always known what I wanted to do with my life, but fortunately I have been blessed to meet teachers and professors like Dr. Sue Newman and Dr. Stephanie Evans who stuck by me and encouraged me to find my passions. Then make choices based on my true passions. Receiving proper instruction and education is vital to making a dream or idea become a success, which is why graduate school is for me!