

I decided that I wanted to learn the cello after hearing a song that moved me to tears. At buffets, I try all the foods that make my family members recoil in disgust. I enjoy learning about stoichiometry with Mr. Williams just as much as I enjoyed writing my research paper about the Hong Kong Protests for Mr. Latona. I pride myself on my open-mindedness and willingness to try new things. Because of this, I have developed a skill set that qualifies me as a bonafide jack of all trades. There are so many unique experiences available to me, and being a jack of all trades leaves all possibilities open. As I live my life, my jack of all trades mindset prevails in everything I do—whether it be my artistic endeavors, academic challenges, or even my future goals.

Whenever someone asks me what my favorite genre of music is, I struggle to give them a clear answer. One look at my playlist makes it clear that I enjoy bass-boosted EDM music just as much as I love Baroque-era classical pieces. Music has always been one of my favorite interests to explore. I began my long journey in music in fourth grade when I tried learning the french horn. When that didn't work out, I moved to the piano. This brings me up to sixth grade, where I picked up the saxophone. I have been playing the saxophone ever since and I love exploring all types of music with it. One might assume that I stopped after discovering an instrument I truly loved, but that's not the case. Alongside the saxophone, I also played the xylophone for the indoor percussion ensemble for two of the most rewarding years of my life. After that, I decided to learn the cello outside of school. There are so many different instruments and genres of music, I refuse to confine myself to one. My experiences in several instruments and musical settings have given me a unique perspective that allows me to experiment with and appreciate all types of

music. Had I decided against chasing these experiences in favor of specializing in one instrument, I certainly would not be as passionate about music as I am now.

Throughout my time in Wyoming Area, I chose to challenge myself as much as possible—not out of necessity, but because I was actively seeking the challenge. Some of my favorite memories include dissecting a pig in my anatomy class with Mr. Rutkoski and group projects in my history classes that gave me a better understanding of the world around me. Once again, I have been rewarded by exploring all possibilities. My classes in school have introduced me to some of my other passions. In my free time, I love learning about world events and foreign cultures. I am always the one to insist we visit a museum when I get to go on day trips. I can get lost for hours in the giant halls of museums just taking in all the sights. I also love learning about the human aspect of history—how and why populations react to certain events. I am fortunate enough to have found an outlet for this passion by joining History Bowl. Besides history and the human condition, I have also developed a fondness for sciences of all kinds. I have taken nearly every science course that I could fit into my schedule, and I don't regret it. Life sciences fascinate me the most, but I also enjoy learning about physics and chemistry concepts. I love science so much that I hope to pursue a career in it in the near future. Had I not decided to explore all these different academic subjects, I may not have discovered several of my passions, or even what I want to do in the future.

I hope to pursue a career in the field of public health. Public health is an extremely interdisciplinary field, which is perfect for a jack of all trades like me to thrive. It is the study and prevention of health issues on a population-wide level. My foundation as an academic jack of all trades will assist me greatly in this field. It is impossible to understand how health crises affect populations without an understanding of science, but also an understanding of the population

itself. This field allows me to combine all of my passions into one common goal and I am excited to pursue my future in it. I will certainly maintain my jack of all trades mindset as I continue my studies at both the undergraduate and hopefully graduate levels.

Being a jack of all trades has truly had a profound impact on my life. I have spent my time exploring all possible paths and possibilities, and I will continue to do so in the future. I am certain I will discover more of what life has to offer if I continue down the path that I am on. Perhaps one day I will become the master of one, but that does not invalidate my current mindset. I will still carry my experiences in many interests and topics with me. The only difference is that instead of the jack of all trades, master of none, I will become the jack of all trades, master of one.