

## Honors Autobiography

I was born in Columbia, Missouri on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1993 to Jon and Janet Fraser. I have two younger siblings, Matthew and Michelle, who I love more than anything and who are always there to listen, support, advise, judge, and love me. My family has always been really close and we've been through many good and bad times together. We moved from Missouri to a suburb outside of Michigan when I was 10 years old and then moved once more to Louisville, Kentucky three years later. While moving was an adventure, it caused a lot of stress and discomfort for me because both moves occurred during critical social and developmental periods in an adolescent's life. Despite an unsettled upbringing with a total of seven schools and a variety of friends, many people describe me as an outgoing, funny, well-rounded, and charismatic person. I like to think of myself as a driven, balanced, and personable individual that pushes himself to do the best possible in anything and everything.

My family lives in Goshen, Kentucky, a small, sheltered suburb of Louisville. I attended North Oldham High School for the longest of any of the schools I attended and I felt the most settled there with a solid group of friends and helpful and supportive teachers. In high school, I was actively involved with a variety of social and academic organizations; I was captain of the Speech Team, president of the Beta Club, president of my school's delegation that attended the Kentucky Youth Assembly and the Kentucky United Nations Assembly, president of the French Club, Secretary of the National Honor Society and a representative on the Advisory Board for my sophomore, junior, and senior years. Outside of school, I enjoyed hanging out with my friends and family by doing anything from watching movies in somebody's basement to exploring downtown Louisville on a Saturday night. I worked this past summer at Louisville Slugger Field as a food vendor during home games which allowed me to people watch, make friends, and enjoy a game of baseball all while earning extra pocket

money. High school was a great time of my life and I'm glad that I ended my senior year with an awesome group of friends, a steady summer job, and the excitement of attending UC in the fall. I hope to continue being a very involved student during my time on campus and I plan to be a part of a variety of activities from Bearcat Buddies to Nightwalk to the University Honors Association and more.

My family is a huge part of my life and I love to see my extended family at every possible opportunity. My grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins definitely drive me to be a better student and person, not only academically but also morally, socially, and attitudinally. My Aunt Sheila has been a major role model for me to make bright decisions and work my hardest. She dropped out of college when she was 20 and worked low paying jobs for ten years until she became a single mother living on welfare. When my cousin was born, she realized that she had to take some form of action to improve the quality of living for her family and decided to go back to college to get a degree. Her determined and professional approach to her schoolwork really inspires me to have the same serious attitude regarding my college experience. I know I can always call her for advice or support and I really value her opinion. It's nice to have an older family who is almost finished with college to help me as I go through this stressful but exhilarating time of my life.

My plan for my life is to graduate from UC with a degree for Architectural Engineering in five years after working with leading businesses in the Engineering and Architecture fields. If I have a reliable, well-paying job lined up, I would probably enter the workforce. However, I would like to attend graduate school either at UC or another university to get my Masters in Architecture. My dream job would be to work for a firm that restores abandoned buildings in the downtowns of large cities, but any job that provides me with a good balance of travel and time with my family would be optimal. I really like the idea of urban restoration and bringing the heart of a city back to its downtown. I also have a passion for design which I hope to utilize to make an impact in the urban centers of a city.

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In 2016, I would like to have completed my degree in an area that satisfies me and makes me excited to enter the workforce. I plan either to have a job secured with one of the companies with which I will co-op or to be accepted into a graduate school by the time I graduate from UC. I hope to still have the close relationships I have with my family members and to hopefully have a plan to expand my family through a wife and kids. Ultimately in five years, I hope to be happy, healthy, satisfied with all I'd accomplished at UC, and excited for my future.