

KidSingers Essay

My name is Jessica Alexandra Cortez and I am 17 years old. I have been attending Kid Singers ever since I knew I was old enough to join. I started when I was in 3rd grade and look at me now still here enjoying every last minute of it. I am currently in 12th grade at Century High School and as my last year in high school and this program I have learned that I need to close the door to the past, open the door to the future, take a deep breath, step on through and start a new chapter in my life. The key is to always look at the bright side and keep moving forward. Now for the past 9 years which is like half of my life that I have been in this choir program it has impacted my life very much. KidSinger's is a place where I can call home because I feel safe and comfortable to be myself. I really have a huge passion for musical arts such as singing and dancing which is the reason why I joined Kidsingers. This program offers a very close bonding experience with one another because we perform at many great places together. What other choir can say they have performed at The Angel Stadium, the Nixon Library, Disneyland. As much fun we have fun always comes with hard work that's why we practice every Tuesday from 3:45-6:15. With all that time together with my peers I have made many of my close friends that I have now. I am also apart of Master Class an extra program for students who want to be more involved and give extra time and commitment to learn extra performance pieces that are added to our concerts. The practices are from 6:15-7:15 every Tuesday. I can proudly say that Kidsingers is like my second family but just like a regular family we might disagree and have to jump over some obstacles along the way, but in the end I am confident that they're always going to be there helping and supporting me.

The tragedy of life is not reaching your goal, It is having no goal to reach. Many of us wish on doing something they always wanted to do but most of us need to turn that wish into a goal. Think of it like this a goal without a plan is just a wish. When your wish for something you just dream upon it when you set a goal, you work for it. As a young high school student who balances school, work, family and friends all in one day every day is challenging. It is challenging to have big goals and accomplish them but it is not impossible. I have many goals that I want to accomplish and I always keep my options open. I have many quantities like creativeness, immense patience, I am a hard worker, very thoughtful, confident, and optimistic. I go out of my way for other people and always appreciate everything even the smaller blessings life gives me. I am interested in becoming a special education teacher or a child welfare social worker. I love helping people especially young kids because they are our future. I love helping kids grow, develop their education, and make them feel accepted just the way they are. A childhood should be a happy time filled with warmth, love and carefree times but unfortunately not every child is blessed with loving parents and a stable home. Some kids have to deal with abuse from their parents, neglect, or drug addiction and I want to help change that. A welfare social worker makes sure children's needs are taken care of. After high school I am looking forward on attending Santa Ana College for two years then transferring to Cal state Fullerton or Cal State Long beach and get my major teaching credential.

KidSingers is a wonderful program that has helped me throughout the years. I am really going to miss all the directors and staff help that not only me, but everyone to become better in every possible way. Kidsingers really goes out of their way to make sure all of

us are satisfied and are becoming the best that we can be. I know that some days I walk into rehearsals and I don't want to do anything because I'm tired or don't feel good but once we start singing and everyone is encouraging others and giving there all it is contagious and it brightens up my mood and I forget all of my problems and stress when I am here which is something that I really love when I come to Kidsingers. I have been in many other choirs but it is nothing compared to the Kidsinger choir. Why? Well because here their main focus is to make us better and really have a passion for what they are teaching us. This program can help me reach my goals because I have worked with different people and we help each other which has shown me how to teach and communicate with different people. It helped me overcome my shyness and I became a more outgoing person. It taught me to not be afraid to put yourself out there and to always give 100% of what you got. Like they say a better you a better me we'll be the best that we can be. Not only have I been involved in the KidSingers program I have also volunteered at the Saint Joseph's Church. This experience has helped me show off my skills. At Saint Joseph's Church I have develop on working with about 15 Special Education students. This requires immense patience, leadership skills, positive attitude, being extra supportive, and a great role model for the students. You also have to learn how to learn how to state and enforce the rules very clearly. I help each and every student with projects, homework, reading and writing. Additionally, I care very deeply for the students to help them grow in knowledge and to be happy. I love doing volunteer work because not only do I help out the community but it makes me feel happy about myself and others. I love that feeling. Kidsingers is a part of the fabric of who I am and reflects my personality and skills. I have also been afflicted with extracurricular activities

at my high school. I have been in the Century High school Dance Team for 2 years now where I have shown my leadership skills helping out my peers by going over choreography, being responsible reminding everyone about special dates, suggesting outfits, songs, and choreography and doing what I love to perform. Lastly I am involved in the E-business Academy. This academy at my school is a program that prepares me for the real world. We face real world problems, pay bills online and learn how to make a resume for applying for jobs. We also use many online softwares to create our own business come to life. I am the Vice president of arts and publications which is where my team and I create the visual projects for our company such as banners, business cards, flyers, build boards and catalogs. We have competed in many different places like San Diego, San Francisco, Long beach, and much more. It is a great program that has taught me a lot. As you can see I am involved in many different activities and I have still manage to keep my grades up at school and keep up at home with my chores. I couldn't have done this without all the amazing people in my life helping and supporting me. Bakersfield against about 85 schools from around the world. Some of the awards I won for my company are 3rd place for creating a flyer and 2nd place for creating a digital catalog and I really appreciate everyone that is a part of the KidSingers program helping young kids and our future. Let's not forget the incredible moms with the delicious food they provide us with every Tuesday. I would lastly give a big thanks to everyone here that has helped me in every possible way even through my roughest times especially the strongest bravest women in my life my mom. A reminder to everyone not all heroes wear capes. This is not a goodbye it is a hello to a new beginning Thank you.