

My goals here at IIT revolve around the classroom in maintaining a high grade point average, learning how to study, and pursuing knowledge. The most difficult of the goals I have set for myself would be learning how to study. Up to this point in my life, and possibly even now, I have had no need to actually sit down and study. I have never crammed for an exam nor have I ever spent countless hours in front of my books attempting to absorb the information held within. To achieve my primary goal, maintaining a high grade point average, I feel that I need to accomplish my secondary goal first. Even more so, I need to get out of my High School habit of procrastination. Pursuing knowledge has never been a problem of mine, I just want to stay in the habit of selecting challenging courses, reading books and articles about the tech field, and looking for new information to help guide me through my life.

All of my goals I have set for myself here at IIT will help me with my long term career goals. By maintaining a high grade point average, I can reassure myself that I actually understand the material taught to me during my college career. Since the material I am studying in college directly relates to my profession, a complete understanding of the material would be beneficial. Learning how to study will help me even when I leave college. I would like to head a research and development team in the creation of artificial intelligence for the future. With new reports coming out all the time, and the need to understand what I am doing, knowing how to study will help me retain the information. The pursuit of knowledge is what my career field is all about,

discovering what new and innovative processes I can apply to artificial intelligent machines to better the lives of all humanity.

I will approach each and every semester in college with the mindset that I can accomplish my goals. Every semester I move into will pose new obstacles for me to overcome. Each class brings forth new knowledge waiting to be learned and difficulties waiting to be overcome. The successful completion of my goals will not be known until much later in my life. Graduating with high honors, getting the job I want, and being happy with what I have done will be the rewards of the completion of my goals. There will be many obstacles to overcome: a boring lecture, lack of motivation, and the need to let loose, just to name a few. I feel I can overcome these obstacles by balancing my social and educational lives. Everyone needs some time to themselves to let go and enjoy the moment, *carpe diem*, knowing when to get back to work is the more difficult part. Actually knowing what my career and short term goals are will help out in a large part to fulfill them. I have a grip on reality and what needs to be done to achieve my goals. I feel that is the primary motivation that will let me complete these tasks and fulfill my dreams.