

## Letter of Interest and Goal Statement

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“This interweaving of paradigms enhances the educational experience, and provides the versatility in analysis and reasoning essential for addressing the complex challenges of the policy environment.” – *excerpt from the College of Public Service’s website; <http://www.shu.edu/colleges/cops/pps>*

The mission of the Department of Public Policy Studies resonates with my willingness to be of service to others by practice of principles that I value and pursue. I appreciate the progressive approach of education intertwined with action and collaboration with local communities, state and national organizations. Ever since my undergraduate experience in Mass Communications, I feel that my Bachelor’s degree is not enough if I am to develop a career tailored to my potential talents.

Nonetheless, I did hone a better sense of discipline from my undergraduate program; the skills learned from my former studies, which I can immediately use while engaged in a Masters program, combined with a career in public administration, I believe that I may find a fulfilling mission in life by contributing toward the greater good of society.

My intentions are to utilize my education as a means to develop a career that I believe best suits me at this stage in my life. I grew up a healthy and happy citizen of our country, self-actualized and engaged in understanding an array of perspectives in the human pursuit of life and liberty, and brimming with ideas and curiosities itching to be scratched by discipline. At this point I cannot settle for idle amusements and making ends meet doing work inappropriate to my talents. Now I realize that the people and society that surround my life, including friends and family, along with the strong yet weary arm of Uncle Sam, encouraged and enabled me to stand on my own two feet and live for the pursuit of liberty and happiness. And so I wish to move forward and return the favor by working for that which I love, which is the public and society.

I wish to do work that contributes toward justice and ethical behavior in society, whether it is providing services for not-for-profit organizations which can empower a local community or dismantle corporate welfare nationwide, I wish to work with visionaries and be a visionary by collaborating with an administration to develop and implement policies beneficial for the public. I wish to offer my services as a listener and adviser for those who set agendas that affect the public, especially when the public counts on them for representation. And most of all, I wish to grow in wisdom and compassion, for I believe that is the foundation for a person to walk through society without having to step on the backs of others and instead stride in step amongst fellow citizens.