I have known my niche is graphic design for about 3 years now and it has been amazing working in school trying to better my design skills. In my last school my experiences there has got me ready to be a graphic designer and Moore College of Art & Design is going to make me a graphic designer. This is the great part of it. I have been able to see designers on two different levels. The designers in community college preparing us to transfer to four-year schools to be ready to design and the designers in four-year schools making us become successful designers.

The community college route has not only saved me a bit of money but also has saved me some time. My professors at The School of Art + Design at Montgomery College in Takoma Park, Maryland has made sure that before they sent me off to a four-year
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school that graphic design is actually something that I’m good at, and not something I just want to do. For me personally, I don’t want to waste time doing something career wise just for money or just because. I want to do something because I’m good at it and I have the passion for it. That’s how I feel about graphic design.

For my career goals, being a graphic designer/photographer is something that I would really like to be. I would like to work in advertising being both the designer and the photographer after I have graduated from school. However, my dream is to work in TV/Film doing the same thing. I would really like to work for Pixar and I’m going to be applying for their Internship in summer 2012. I would also like to own my own business but not just a graphic design business but a designers’ business. I would like to have a design firm that houses all the designers from fashion design, to the graphic design, illustrators, photographers, interior designers and even 2-D fine artists. I want it to be like one-stop shop type of thing, with some friends of mine that I will meet along that way into my career as a designer.

In the future I see myself as a designer who gives back to the youth, particularly the foster youth. I was a foster child from the age of ten until I aged out at 21. Only about 3% of foster youth go and graduate from college. I want to be that designer who can say that I was a foster child and I graduated from college. I want to tell the foster youth coming up behind me that they can also graduate from college and make their dreams come true. I also want to start a foundation for foster youth who are interested in art. Regardless of what kind of art that might be, my main goals would be to encourage them to finish school, help get them a mentor who is in that particular field and will allow them to shadow them, and also I would like to have scholarships for these youth to be able to go to any school of their choice. I wish I had that type of resource when I was younger but now I can make a resource like that for the youth that’s younger than me.