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Donor #4239 Interview Notes

Donor 4239 is a great conversationalist and seems genuinely calm and comfortable in his own skin. He describes himself as embodying a balance between extroversion and solitude, being detail-oriented and flexible. He has always *loved* math and puzzles, and claims to have very little artistic ability. (Although he describes his work as a professional cook as a creative outlet.) He loves living among the complexities of the city and escaping to the raw beauty of nature. He has excelled in sports since early childhood, and clearly values family and friendship.

Donor 4239 was dressed casually but neatly, sporting plaid knee-length shorts, clean sneakers, a dorky science-related t-shirt (which I found endearing), and a navy-blue zip-up hooded sweatshirt. His eyes were a pretty shade of blue and his dark blonde hair, although cut short, was undoubtedly thick and healthy. He had fairly pale skin that seemed like it would tan well in the summer, and looked generally lean and healthy. He said he cycles regularly, and enjoys an array of outdoor sports and activities. Donor 4239 identifies as a competitive person (and when pressed admitted that he usually wins), and as having high expectations of himself and others.

Donor 4239's mother tells him that as a child he was extraordinarily kind, passive and patient. He became an excellent debater in high school – and learned the value of healthy argumentation at home as well. As an adult, he has become very social, nurturing and driven. He describes himself as someone who likes taking care of others, and additionally notes an underlying desire to be in control. He feels that he is only controlling about things that he is especially passionate about, like cooking and sports, yet very easy-going in social settings and situations in which he feels more neutral about the outcome. He enjoys collaboration both personally and professionally.

Donor 4239 does not have any enemies; he finds it easy to 'let things go,' and does not anger easily. He noted that his strong emotions tend to be those of excitement and about connecting with others. He also loves animals and loves to read. He thrives under pressure, whether that pressure comes from his own perfectionism, or the intensity of the fine-dining industry.

He plans to attend graduate school for biology, specifically exploring the biological and life sciences and the roles they will play in the future of our planet. Donor 4239 is decidedly intelligent, amicable and self-confident – I think he will go far.