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Donor # 4416 Interview Notes

Donor 4416 has big beautiful almond shaped hazel eyes, thick dark hair with a tendency to wave, and a young, boyish face. He has nice bone structure and at 19, seems to still be growing into his face. Dressed casually in shorts and T-shirt, Donor 4416 is slim and athletically built with a gymnast's body. He describes himself as an extrovert, and I can picture him being loud and silly with his friends. When we were sitting talking he came across as a little shy, but my guess is that it takes him a little while to warm up to someone. An impish grin would emerge on his face whenever he spoke about things he enjoys. He made great eye contact during our conversation and at the times came across as if he was sharing a secret with me.

This donor is solid and confident, like he knows what he likes and plans on pursuing those things. When I asked him why he decided to major in business when it seems like his interests lay more in the philosophical and creative areas, he said he chose business because he thinks he will make more money in that field. While being financially stable is an obvious concern of the donor's, he also spends a lot of his time pursuing other interests that inspire and intrigue him, like acrobatics, philosophy, science, and making music. Donor 4416 strikes me as a young man who is discovering himself and all of his interests. I wouldn't be surprised if he changes his educational focus as he explores and takes more classes. For example, he is considering adding a minor in philosophy, having taken a few classes in that area; saying he really enjoys the questioning and thinking in that field.

I see this donor as somebody who does a lot of self-learning, who searches out his passions through a variety of mediums, not just within a structured school setting. I think he is using school as a tool to help him get to a place of financial stability but he is also making sure to study the things he loves. He spoke about his enjoyment of gymnastics, specifically of doing flips. He was inspired to study acrobatics by watching YouTube videos of people doing flips. He goes to a gym weekly where he practices his skills and learns from the people who work there. Donor 4416 plays a lot of guitar in his spare time. He also likes to read about everything he's into on the internet; one of his favorite websites is a popular science website.

When I asked why donor 4416 chose to be an Identity-Release[®] Program donor he said it was partially because he was curious and because he thought about what it would be like to be an offspring. If he were in their position, he would want to know more information about the donor.