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Donor # 4630

Interview Notes

Donor 4630 is an good looking guy who is worldly, bright, and easy to get along with. He came to our interview wearing dark blue Lucky Brand Jeans, a heathered charcoal utility shirt with the sleeves perfectly rolled to his elbows, and worn brown leather lace up oxford shoes. This donor is tall, tan and handsome, and could easily pass as one of the players on the Spanish national soccer team. His dark features and perfect stubble give him an intense mysterious look. This donor says is often told he resembles FC Barcelona midfielder, Cesc Fabregas.

Donor 4630 grew up in a small seaside town with his two siblings and parents. His favorite memories about his childhood include: swimming in the river during the summers and family trips to the mountains. He is closest with his older brother whom he looks upon as a role model and someone he goes to for advice. He holds a special place in his heart for *Star Wars* because that is the first movie he remembers watching with his brother when he was 5 years old. He shares an honest relationship with his mom and immediately told her of his plans to become a donor. He looks forward to his mom's cooking when he goes back home, and his hands-down favorite meal is her homemade enchiladas. While this donor is not as close with his father, he speaks lovingly of him and his eclectic interests. Growing up he went on some of his father's carpentry jobs and took what he learned there to work in stage production in high school and later in the college. This donor mentioned that his Dad has a love for dancing but they he has not taken salsa or tango lessons from him, yet...

Donor 4630 is passionate about travel and international development. This donor has lived in Valencia, Spain, Uganda, and South Africa as well as travelled throughout Europe and visited Guatemala. He accompanied his uncle on a 5 month sabbatical to Valencia when the donor was 7 years old. His one memory besides the paella, was *Las Fallas* festival—an annual festival that culminates in the burning of paper mache statues and spectacular fireworks. His time spent in Uganda and South Africa was a memorable experience and deeply impacted the donor- instilling a curiosity and love for culture. He chose to study abroad in South Africa because of his family has ties there. When I asked him what about that experience he loved most, he responded *how much time do you have?* He continued on about how much he loved his time in Cape Town and described it as *a city built around a mountain coming out of the water; kind of like living at the beach with half dome as your backyard. It is a diverse and vibrant city where you can just feel the movement.* He decided to return to Africa after graduation for a six-month internship in Uganda, where he worked with other young professionals. He then travelled back to South Africa during the 2010 FIFA world cup where he painted his face, blew his vuvuzuela, and watched the matches on big screens placed in the town squares. I had to change the topic because I could tell the donor was so passionate that I would have received a full lesson on the history of South Africa.

Donor 4630 is an athletic individual and participates in a competitive ultimate frisbee club. He discovered frisbee from his older brother when he was lamenting about not being able to play competitive soccer in college. He was hooked after the first match, and spends a lot of his free time playing with friends and travelling with his club. He is also a cyclist that is very modest about his riding habits and casually mentioned that he likes to go on 30+ mile bike rides on a regular basis. Though the sports the donor enjoys most involve running and being physically fit, he said that *he doesn't like to run- just to run; unless he's chasing a ball or Frisbee.*

This donor has his eyes set on graduate school and plans to study International Development with focus on Development post-conflict. He deferred his graduate school acceptance to *put himself financially on his feet* before attending. This donor was really engaging throughout our interview and even asked me questions about myself. I found the interview turned into a comfortable mutual conversation rather than a question and answer session. Overall, I got a really positive impression of this donor-- he is intelligent, genuine, nice, and not to mention, extremely handsome.