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Donor # 4693 Interview Notes

Donor 4693 is an incredibly vivacious and lively person. Although a bit naive and idealistic, he radiates energy and light. He came to our interview wearing a dark purple V-neck sweater and dark blue jeans. His black, shiny hair is spiked atop 1950's vintage glasses with black and silver frames. Donor 4693's rich skin color is accentuated beautifully by his piercing green/hazel eyes and long dark lashes. His physique is trim and healthy. After speaking with him for an hour it is clear that 4693 was raised to be polite and well mannered as evidenced when he stood, shook my hand and asked me about my day as soon I entered the room for our interview. His manner is delightful and refreshing in such a young man.

After a short stint in kindergarten, where he had a bit of trouble following the strict rules, donor 4693 started home schooling. His mother took great care to provide a rich environment for learning and socializing while running a day care out of their home. His experience with the day care made him great with kids throughout life. Donor 4693 eventually went back to public school and did very well. His mother is a strong inspirational character in his life. At 40, after raising and home schooling her children and running a day care, she became a firefighter. This was quite the challenge both physically and mentally and she often talks about the difficulties of working in such a male-centric environment. His father, a graphic designer and illustrator taught his son advanced mathematics as a child. His father was also a 6th degree black-belt, mandating that donor 4693 learn martial arts as well. He said this was hard for him *and* he recognizes that it helped him become who he is today.

Donor 4693 doing work with landscaping and gardening, a skill he picked up from his mother. He is also studying traditional Hawaiian medicine and gardening (although he's not Hawaiian nor is any of his family). On a lighter note, donor 4693 is also completely obsessed and excited with his upcoming wedding, which will be in Hawaii. He and his fiancé are equally taking part in the planning which he detailed to me in its entirety from the food and desserts (50 pounds of tilapia and jello pudding) to the "ambience", decorations, fashion and photography. It was pretty awesome to see someone so invested in a wedding! It's clear to me he adores his partner and they seem to a lot of fun together.

Donor 4693 has big ideas and dreams. Some of them belie his youth and lacks of life experience, but all of them are genuine and well intentioned. He plans on getting a masters degree in nursing, picking up clues from his mother's experience working in an area that tends to favor the opposite gender. He comes across as the sort of person who excels in foreign situations, ones where he is out of his comfort zone and forced to learn new things and choose new options. His goal in life is to be balanced and I believe with some growing he will be.