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Interview Notes: 4809

Donor 4809 is genuinely an awesome young man. He is mindful and intentional with a clear and vibrant outlook and life and living. He came in today dressed in bright red jeans, a bright blue and white striped button down shirt, black converse high tops and bright red ray ban type sunglasses tucked in the V of his shirt. 4809 is tall, handsome and fit. All of that coupled with his perfect curly haired Mohawk, I smiled when I imagined him walking down the streets of Berkeley, turning heads, in a good way. 4809's skin is clear and smooth and looks like it tans well and easily. He has a great smile and a slight under bite, but not to the point of distraction. I describe this young man as awesome not because he is good looking but because he has such a great character. He is well spoken, articulate, sharp and well mannered. His enthusiasm, intelligence and charm is not accidental or contrived, it's just who he is and it's awesome.

Donor 4809 grew up the oldest of 5 siblings. He is the only child of his mother and father but he was raised with the children of his step father, two sets of identical twins, girls that are about a year younger and boys that are 3 years his junior and his father has a 3yr old son from his second marriage. He said they are all "every bit my siblings, in every way, step or not". He speaks about them with such adoration; it is obvious that he cares for them and everyone in his family, immensely. He describes himself as a protective older brother, that he would do anything for his brothers and sisters and that he works at setting a good pace for them. He wants them to know things like *OMG! School is about sooo much more than books!* and *Be a student of life!* I really enjoyed how 4809 expressed himself with so many quotes and one liners. Even if they sound cliché, it didn't matter. I appreciated them, they helped me create a picture and better understand what motivates him. After telling me what kind of big brother he is, I asked 4809 to describe himself as a son and a student. Without hesitation he said *my mom would say that I am loving, caring, kind and generous, that I spend a lot of energy on other people and that I am absent minded.* He said his Dad would say that he was proud of him, that like him, 4809 is a good leader and good at gathering people together and making sure that everyone is having a good time.

As a student 4809's fantastic memory carried him through school. And since he is way more interested in what is going on out in the world versus what is going on in the classroom, he admitted he had a hard time focusing. He figured out early that he needed to know how to do school and life at the same time. For example if an A+ meant studying all weekend he was happy with an A- if it meant he got to hang out with his friends. He said when it's all said and done; spending all that time studying is *just not cost effective.* Growing up in class he was well liked by classmates and teachers. Except for the one teacher, during his high school senior year final, who didn't take kindly to 4809 ordering and having a pizza delivered. *I mean technically it was allowed, but the teacher didn't appreciate it.* He was and still is very talkative and he has mastered the technique *talking a lot without being abrasive, there's a difference.* I agree, he talks a lot and he is engaging, entertaining and charming.

4809 started traveling very young and hasn't stopped. From studying bats and being his Dad's research assistant for a summer in Mexico when he was in Jr. High, to Germany, Belize, Czech Republic, Sweden, Norway and Australia, and more throughout high school and college. He has also spent a good deal of time traveling throughout the US. One his favorite places being The Sierras because of how amazing, secluded, magnificent and wonderfully friendly they are. Next major stop on his list is Japan. He is drawn to a place that is so developed and so completely different from what he knows on every level.

I am not sure what 4809 will be doing in 10 years, probably still traveling, still working with and around people, still living life to its maximum. I think at this point in his life, 4809 may look at choosing a career as a cop out so I don't get the sense that he will be doing that anytime soon. He was clear that when it comes to figuring out the future, he is strategizing but that *the less I plan things, the better the results seem to be.* 4809 is grounded in knowing that tomorrow is not promised to anyone and he lives his life with intention. He said his mom used to say all the time *Life's a bitch and then you die.* 4809 says *it's true, it is, but what are you going to do about it? Because really? It's not about how happy you are on the easy days, it's about where you find joy on the hard days.* Basically, he wants everyone to just go out there and find *their* Amazing!

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