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With my acceptance into the CODES program, the academic expectations put upon myself are greater than ever. Along with my entrance into the adult world, education has gone from a mandatory part of life to a challenge I chose to ensure success in what the adults call the "Real World." A major part of success is having the ability to know ones strengths. The following choices in the outcomes I chose are a direct reflection of the strengths I see in myself.

One of my core values is my ability to work professionally in a variety of group settings. Under "Civic Engagement," section" a" states, "Demonstrates ability and commitment to collaboratively work across and within community contexts and structures." This outcome fits my personal goal of fostering an environment of communication among people, while propagating social justice and unity.

The appreciation and understanding of history and anthropology are incremental in the process of creating a better and more just world for all. Under "Intercultural Knowledge and Competence," section b states, "Demonstrates sophisticated understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices." My deep appreciation of deferent cultures and societies makes this outcome a good fit for me.

Oral communication is key to presenting ideas and realizing goals. Under "Oral Communication," section a states, "Uses clear organizational patterns and is skillful at presenting content cohesively." With my exceptional oratory skills, this outcome fits me.

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The grestest minds of both past and present generations share a common trait of being lifelong readers and observers. Under "Reading," section a states, "Evaluates texts' scholarly significance to apply reading to other contexts or issues." This outcome is a good fit for me, as I have a high interest in reading and high comprehension skills.

The power of writing allows anyone to present their ideas on a topic to a broad audience. Under "Written Communication" section c states, "Uses language to skillfully communicate with clarity and fluency." With my deep understanding of the English language, I see this as a perfect fit for my skillset.

The above skills will allow me to successfully perform my tasks in codes to the best of my ability. These skills help foster a community of learning and collaboration among my peers and I and can execute the mission statement thoroughly. I look forward to growing with my peers and making the most of CODES