

## Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals

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Edward de Bono said, "**Creativity involves breaking out of expected patterns in order to look at things in a different way.**"(Mikkish, n.d.) The word creativity has really given me purpose the past couple of years and this word pushes me to become the best version of myself. Before coming to college, I was lost and didn't really know what I was called to do. Throughout my educational experience here at Point Loma Nazarene University, I have definitely broken my old ways of living and have made better patterns in my life. Throughout this paper, I will be stating my purpose, explaining my hopeful vision in the future, and my values and goals to show who Austin Everett is, and will be.

Originally I came to college as a business major with no emphasis, but slowly throughout my freshman year, I transitioned to a major in marketing and a minor in Graphic Design. It wasn't until my first art class sophomore year that I realized that my mission is to create and bring light and excitement to others. I was never the most artistic person growing up and still sometimes question why I minor in an art. I took 2D Design as my first art class for my minor and it really expanded my thought process. I realized that you don't have to be artistic, but it's about the process and your thinking. Looking back from my childhood until now, I created without even knowing it, qualities such as friendships, work ethic, and maturity are just a few of the things that make me who I am and I am confident that these things have not just helped inspire, but have helped them open up to new opportunities. For my rest of my time I hope to continue what I am doing and hopefully one day, my creativity will be noticed in the workforce.

Five years down the road I hope to graduate with my MBA in the United States or abroad. Last spring, I went abroad to Sydney, Australia and loved it. Unfortunately, it was cut short, but I vowed that I would go back. I also envision myself working on a Marketing/Graphic Design team at a firm, clothing company, or a sports team. Relationships are really important to me. I don't see myself married in five years, but likely in a committed relationship with someone, hopefully a nurse or a teacher. Wherever I am on the globe, I will continue my walk with God spiritually as He continues to show me what He has in store in my life and what I am called to be. Once I have achieved my masters degree, depending if I decide to stay in the United States or go abroad, I plan on living in San Diego. Ever since I moved down here, I constantly find it very hard to leave because of the year-round perfect weather, amazing surf, and awesome people

It is hard to limit myself to three values, but if I was going to pick three, my first would be family. What I value most about family is that it can be defined in many different ways. Family could be your blood relatives, like your mother or father, a sports team, or even your friends. I see family as my parents and my friends. I had a really hard year last year. As mentioned above, I returned home from Australia early, which was followed by two deaths in my family, my aunt and grandmother. They were two very inspirational figures to me and unfortunately, I was not able to be at my Grandma's passing due to COVID-19, I was at my Aunt Joanne's passing. I also consider my friends from Point Loma my family. I share a bond with them that is so much stronger than my friends back in Orange County, and with a bond like that, I consider them family. My second value is being a team player. Since I was young, I have been a part of a sports team and have loved it and have always prioritized putting my peers before myself. It was upsetting that I was not able to play college sports, but I found that being on a

team when coming to group projects was similar. I feel that teamwork really brings people together and creates great ideas. I hope for my future job I can be a part of a team and we can be successful together. My third and final value I will mention is having an outgoing personality. Growing up, I was an only child so I had a tough time interacting with others when I was younger. I was the only student from my high school that chose to go to Point Loma when I graduated high school. I had to really put myself out there and make as many friends as I could, and because of that I was able to make not just friends but family.

I have goals that I hope to achieve in the next 5 years and beyond:

- Graduate Point Loma in May 2022 with a 3.0 or higher GPA.
- Receive my MBA a year after college while balancing a job.
- Be in a committed relationship with a Nurse/Teacher and eventually have a family with two kids.
- Finish my study abroad experience in Australia.
- Save up enough money to travel with my friends.

I feel that with the current path I am on and my family cheering me on, I will be able to achieve all these goals in relation to my mission, values, and vision.

In conclusion, I feel that God put me in this world to create in His image and be an example of Him. With my creativity, I will be able to enter not just the workforce, but enter life with a different perspective. With my family, my outgoing personality and my team player mentality, I believe my opportunities are endless.

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