Ruth Hurtado WLC 300 Personal Statement November 9, 2017

In high school I realized I had a passion for the Spanish language and as I enrolled into more Spanish Courses during my four years of high school with the same teacher made me love it even more. Ever since I was little I had loved the language but my love for it grew even more with my Spanish teacher Mrs. Romo. Mrs. Romo is one of my biggest inspirations when it came to me choosing the Spanish Language and Hispanic Culture major here at California State University, Monterey Bay. Mrs. Romo is my biggest inspiration because you can tell how passionate she is when she is teaching her classes whether it was Spanish 1 or Advanced Placement Spanish Language.

Even though I was born here in the United States, Spanish was my first language growing up and even though I would speak Spanish at home and speak English at school I would never be ashamed to speak Spanish outside of my household because it was the only way I could communicate with my parents at the time. As the years went on my parents gained knowledge of the English language and I am now able to communicate with them now in both language but I still speak to them more in Spanish because I am so in love with the language.

What I have learned here at CSUMB is how to perfect my Spanish and how to use better grammar. While I have enrolled in Spanish courses here at CSUMB it made me even more passionate about the Spanish language. I have also been learning about the culture and civilization of Latin America as long as the literature of Latin America. I am currently loving how I am getting the opportunity to open up my education and learn more about the countries and the literature from the authors of Latin America.

As my overall career goal once I pursue my B.A. in Spanish Language and Hispanic Culture I would like to go into teaching the Spanish language at a high school level and encourage those to keep learning the language because it is a great opportunity to know two languages and it helps get better job opportunities.