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What it Means to be a Great Father

As an immigrant and son of a single mother, I pursue the American Dream as all the previous immigrants that came before me did. My American Dream is to become a great father. I believe the definition of a great father is one that can provide for his family financially, emotionally and physically. As I grew up, I learned how to utilize not having a father to my strength. To become the father that I never had, I motivated myself to move forward regardless of fears and uncertainties.

A recent fear that I overcame was going to Columbus, Ohio for my internship with Amazon. I knew no one in the whole state of Ohio and I was afraid; however, I realized that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity. I was one of approximately 243 operations interns. I was tasked with developing a method to solve the loss of beverage products in fulfillment centers.

To solve the problem, I pivoted the positioning of the project from solely focusing on preventing the loss to creating opportunities through other venues. By the time I had finished the project, I solved the main issue and developed another way to save Amazon significant resources through minimizing 3rd party services. Using regression analysis tools, Amazon's tracking system and the network that I have established, I concluded the project with an expected return on investment of 1,772 percent.

As I went on my path to become a great father, I never had any confirmation of how well I was doing. With the experience gained from Amazon, I realized that I do have what it takes to shape my future. I will continue to apply all my interpersonal skills, technical aptitude and the perseverance I learned at UCR to achieve success in my career endeavors.

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