Speech of Introduction

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Speech Type: Speech of Introduction

Speech Title: Cover Your Hair

General Purpose: To Introduce

Specific Purpose: I will use a personal item to familiarize my audience with aspects of my personality and character.

Thesis/Central Idea: A small item such a satin scarf given to me by my grandmother sparks memory of her essence that is also mine which has made me kind, a strong believer in teamwork, and resourceful.

Main Points: A. Care and Kindness/ Taking care of myself and family.

B. Protection and teamwork/ Staying loyal and strong as a family.

C. Being resourceful/ Women in my family always gave their last for others.

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“You can just take my scarf.” My grandmother was always giving something. She rarely cared about what she had in comparison to others, but she did adamantly care about *us*. Us being my mother, aunt, and cousin; the small family unit whom I lived and grew up with. Thank you all for attending I am Kristen Davis and would love to let you know how the sharing of a small item reminds me to be kind, work together, and overcome obstacles.

My grandmother always guided me on taking care of myself. “Cover your hair at night so it won’t tangle”, “Make sure you get rest your body needs it”. These things that she told me are essentials of how I try to take care of myself to keep myself balanced. The scarf that she gave me was one of her own and the first one that I have ever owned. It shows her kindness, which is an example of many that she has shown to me and others, family or not, her entire life. Reflecting on myself as a child and growing in to a young woman I can see these traits have been adopted from her and the rest of my family by how I communicate with others and have a high regard for other people’s feelings. The level of care we felt flowed from my grandmother through all of us.

We take care of each other; my mom is my everything, my cousin is like my brother and his mother (my aunt) was like a second mom. The scarf given to me makes me think of how the protection it gives my strands mirrors the protection that will always cover my family. I believe family was my first experience in participating in teamwork. Learning my role and playing my part and how doing this benefited myself and family, I have learned to bring my best attributes to the plate and respecting others and their attributes.

My family is mostly composed of strong women who have always given their last for others. Although, my grandmother just gave me something as simple as a hair scarf there were many times we went through big obstacles, yet without fail my grandmother, aunt, and mom always made sure my cousin and I were O.K., sacrifices and time would be taken to make sure we had what we needed. Because of this, I’ve learned to maneuver and work around obstacles to accomplish my responsibilities and goals.

One of my goals is to finish the Histology program at ASU to become a Histology technician, and with the foundation I received from my grandmother’s kindness and strength that I am reminded of whenever I tie my hair up at night with her scarf, I know that I can reach these goals and many others. Thank you for your time and I hope we can all accomplish our goals together.