

## Section 2

Adventurous

Explorative

Questioning

## Section 3

American Numismatic Association

Ocean County Coin Club

## Section 4

Future Business Leaders of America

Junior State of America

Life Guard Ecumenical Foundation

Simsbury High School Football (Junior Varsity and Varsity)

Simsbury High School Junior Varsity Hockey

## Section 5

My main area of numismatic interest is in the field of United States Coins. Among several types of coins that I collect, are Half Cents; Large Cents; Indian Head Cents; Wheat Cents; 95-Percent Copper Cents; Shield Nickels; Liberty Nickels; Buffalo Nickels; Pre-1950 Jefferson Nickels; War Nickels; Seated Dimes; Barber Dimes; Winged Liberty Dimes; Pre-1965 Roosevelt Dimes; Seated Quarters; Barber Quarters; Standing Liberty Quarters; Pre-1965 Washington Quarters; Seated Half Dollars; Barber Half Dollars;

Walking Liberty Half Dollars; Benjamin Franklin Half Dollars; Pre-1971 Kennedy Half Dollars; Morgan Silver Dollars; Peace Dollars; Ike Dollars; American Silver Eagles; Pre-1971 Mint Sets; Pre-1965 Proof Sets; Original Bank Wrapped Rolls; and Doubled Die Coins.

## Section 6

In October 2012, Hurricane Sandy ravaged the Jersey Shore. My family was displaced to Philadelphia for 10 days. While we were there, I organized a walking trip around Philadelphia to famous landmarks such as Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and, the United States Mint. Inside the U.S. Mint was a large observation deck overlooking the production floor. There were many displays detailing the processes of how coins were made. Once the tour was finished, we went to the gift shop where I bought my first coin book and some coins to put in it. After I was able to return home to New Jersey, I began visiting local banks and buying rolls of quarters to search through. After sorting through countless rolls, I found a coin that was much different than any I had seen before. It had a silver edge, was very worn down, and was older than any quarter that I'd ever come across. In fact, it was a 1934 Washington Silver Quarter, my first silver coin. After this, my passion for silver coins began to flourish. In addition to quarters, I also searched through rolls of nickels, dimes, and half dollars in search of more silver. In October 2014, my father noticed a sign for a coin show at a local fire house, and took me two weeks later. This was my first-ever coin show and it changed my life. While there, my father and I signed up for membership, and became active participants in The Ocean County Coin Club.

## Section 7

When I first attended the ANA Summer Seminar last June, my goal was simply to learn more about coins. Now that I have that experience in my arsenal, I now have new goals. I would like to continue my numismatic education, explore new classes, and make more friends that share my same interest and passion for coins and numismatics. Also, I would like to establish a network of connections with people

who can help me in the future. I plan to secure internship opportunities and recommendation letters for college, employment positions, as well as future ANA functions and endeavors, and a strong networking base will be a boost toward that end.

## Section 8

Three characteristics of a good leader are:

- \_ Confidence: Setting a plan, and having faith in your plans and ideas;
- \_ Encouragement: Helping others to pursue their ideas and goals, as well;
- \_ Dependability: Establishing the fact that you can be counted on in any situation.

## Section 9

A numismatic discussion that I've recently had was whether or not we should keep the penny in circulation across the United States? This took place on December 2, 2014, in my Introduction to Economics class, while we were discussing money and the role of the Federal Reserve. I received an A-plus on the assignment.

A numismatic article that I've written recently was on the U.S. Mint and how it affects the economy. This took place on September 22, 2014, in my Introduction to Economics class, while we were discussing the role of Federal agencies in today's economy. I received an A-plus on this, as well. I have included this paper in my packet.

A numismatic project that I've recently completed was a poster, depicting a periodic table of U.S. Coins. This was submitted on December 23, 2015 in my Chemistry class. I received an A-plus on this entry, as well. I have included a photo of the poster and a copy of the report that was included with the assignment.

Some collections that I am currently working on, or have completed, are Indian Head Cents; MS 1909-2009 including proof-only-issues Lincoln Cents; Liberty Nickels; Buffalo Nickels; Jefferson Nickels 1938-2004 (Completed); Winged Liberty Dimes, 1946-1964; Roosevelt Dimes (Completed), 1932-1964; Washington Quarters; 50 States Quarters (Completed); America the Beautiful Quarters; Walking Liberty Half Dollars; Peace Dollar Set; and a U.S. Coins Type Set.

Lastly, I am currently an active member of the coin collecting forum, CoinTalk. My user name is Sullysullinburg.

## Section 10

If I could interview any person, it would be Abraham Lincoln. There are several reasons for this. First of all, Abraham Lincoln is one of the most famous Republicans in U.S. history, along with being one of the most famous U.S. Presidents of all time. This is very important to me. He is, after all, a great role model, because I, too, am a Republican, and I, too, want to be part of the U.S. Government someday. Another reason that I would like to interview Abraham Lincoln is because of the impact that he had on the world overall. He was the President that started the Civil War, one of the most important wars in U.S. history. This war shaped the future for the U.S., establishing our nation as the world power that it is today.

There also proved to be a massive advancement in civil rights because of Abraham Lincoln. Without him, it's still possible that the South might have slavery, something that would reflect negatively on the country overall. It is for these reasons, and many more, that I would want to interview Abraham Lincoln.

Some of the questions that I would ask are: How do you feel about being memorialized on United States coinage? I would ask this question because, the one cent piece, also known as the penny, is one of the most famous pieces of American coinage, and it would be interesting to find out what an honor it must be like to be shown on a facet of everyday life.

Another question I would ask is: Did you complete everything that you wanted to in your life? This is an important question because Abraham Lincoln's life was cut short when he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theater. Because he was assassinated, he was never able to carry on as a politician, and was never able to see the fruits of his labor come to fruition. Interviewing him now would give an interesting insight into how he feels about how the civil rights movement played out and affected the future of our nation.

One final question I would ask is: How do you feel about the world today? Much of what he did during his time affects the world today, and it would be interesting to see how he feels about how the world looks. There, of course, have been many changes since his days, but the world, and our nation, are better places because of his efforts. It'd be great to see and hear his reaction to that.

#### Section 11

1. What I learned at the 2015 Summer Seminar was how to grade coins. I have applied this base of knowledge so that I am able to make better business decisions on what to pay for coins that are not slabbed, and to understand more about the grading system overall.
2. I hope to gain a further understating of numismatics and to meet new people who share the same passion for numismatics that I do.
3. Some of my numismatic goals for the future are, to complete all the collections I am currently working on; to collect \$100 of face value in "junk" silver coin; to start a collection of 5-ounce ATB Quarters; and to open a commercial website to sell numismatic items.