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I feel the weakness I have found in my college career is focusing on too many projects at one time and trying to make these multiple assignments, projects and tests perfect in every way. This can be a downfall because trying to make all of these assignments and projects done to perfection can really make the other projects be lacking because so much focus was placed on making them completely perfect. I feel I could benefit from training to embrace uniqueness and set realistic, positive goals for projects. This may be something that is learned the hard way rather than taught, but I would love to receive some training on this.

On the other side are my strengths. I feel my strength is my passion and drive is what sets me apart. I really care about my work and projects and put my all into them, since I was a young kid I fell in love with Photoshop and creating things I want to wear and see. I have a unique style I bring to my work that shows who I am and makes my work different from the regular web designer or developer that shows up for the paycheck. My work

speaks to my creativity and passion for the field I am in, I can work with a team and bring to life projects that could not be done without the grind and care I put into my work.

During my time at the University, there are some professors and courses that really inspired and changed me. Without a doubt, Art 310 and 311 with Santiago really pushed me to be a better developer. I was afraid of getting into the coding aspect of web design and Santiago helped me break through those barriers I thought were in front of me. I no longer feared working with code after spending countless sleepless nights learning and writing code that frustrated and challenged me. What I took from that class is invaluable and really a combination of all the courses leading up to know gradually changed me into who I am today.

In the future I plan on continuing in the web development and design field, and moving up higher in the field as I progress with my skill and position. I want to eventually work for myself and be independent to handle my own projects and be a one-stop shop to handle all of web development and design through my own business. My major will show that I am highly educated on Digital Arts and I have a wide variety of skill in countless software and mediums. My major has helped me learn what hard work is and will help me make strides in progressing web design and development field and show I am serious about my career.