Throughout the time, a college degree seems to have become of more value in society. Although many more professions require college degrees today, there are also those professions that consist of people who just happened to know other people, to get to where they are. They world we live in is a highly competitive place and as college experience becomes more essential in our everyday lives, it becomes more difficult for us minorities to attain a college degree. We do not only compete against the people who achieve success without a degree, we are competing against people who, as oppose to us, have the financial means to further their education without experiencing our struggles. I believe the purpose of college should be to create professionals and critics in various different areas of society and to expand our opportunities in life.

There is a high demand of college graduates in the world we live in today, however, some people have an advantage over others as the cost of education rises. If the results of college education benefit the world so much, then there should be equal opportunity to attend a further education school for everyone. I have met successful people who never attended college and do not have a college degree and that has made me question the purpose of college. However, some people are born to successful families and are being trained as they grow and there are those who have the fortune to receive top rank education in schools that us minorities cannot afford.

After analyzing different situations and the advantages and disadvantages that exist in our society, I focus on my situation and worry about the obstacles that I must overcome in order to be a participant of the game of life. If the purpose of college is to be a knowledgeable and skillful individual to create more opportunities, then the struggles I have experienced will mentally prepare my mind to be resilient to anything that crosses my path. Furthermore, a person who struggles to achieve a certain goal values the end result more than those who fail to struggle or have no struggle.

In conclusion, the purpose of college should be to prepare individuals to be professionals not only in one field, but in many different areas. These critics of the various realms of life should have a wider range of opportunities than those who fail to meet this criteria. I firmly believe that this university and other institutions fulfill the ideals of the purpose of college. Institutions like CSULA are capable of teaching the most fundamental aspects of every profession in depth, however, it is the individual who decides to acquire the knowledge or not.