Working is not easy. You have to be willing to do the work and take the time from your personal plans. On July 2013 I experienced the work force for the first time. I applied for a job through a program called Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, (HACLA) which helps young students in school get summer jobs. It was my first time ever applying for a job. I was nervous and did not know what to expect. I never expected to get a job at City Hall. I worked in the Financial Analysis and Reporting Division, which is part of the Controller office. I felt proud of myself during the time I was there. I started working right away and that was not a problem for me I was very excited to be there.

I got to meet my supervisor who hired me for the job. Her name was Victoria. She was really nice and she was very helpful when it came to me asking her questions about this profession. My job was transferring scanned documents. I picked up mail and checks and delivered the correspondence to the appropriate personnel. I also copied and bound financial documents and took supply inventory and ordered supplies. Even though I thought it was hard to wake up early in the morning, it was worth it because it helped me prepare for the future.

After a few days on the job the work became challenging. My supervisor always said that I am such a hard working person. She also mentions that my employees in the future will be happy to have me as a boss. One day she gave me advice that I will never forget. She told me to let no one stop me from what I will do when I graduate from high school and do not let anyone stop my dreams and from accomplishing them. She also told me that in order to get to my goals and dreams, I will have to work as hard as I can to make them happen. Her advice gave me a lot of support and made me stronger both mentally and physically.

Throughout this experience I had the opportunity to meet the City Controller and I received a certificate with my name in bold which was an honor. It was a great experience working for the city of Los Angeles. I learned that it’s hard to work and that it is always good to meet new people because you will never know what good things you can learn from them. I always learn from the hard working experienced adults who know how the outside world in the working field is like.