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### Autoethnographic Essay #1: You, School, Guttman

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**How did you land at Guttman? YOU + SCHOOL = ?**

**Directions:** This is a one-page, single-spaced, typed essay. Use Times New Roman font and one inch margins. Please follow the paragraph prompts given below and write your best work.

**Due:** Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Bring a printed copy to class and upload to ePortfolio.

Introductory Paragraph: In this paragraph, explain your OVERALL impression of the education you received from k-12. When you think of the experience as a whole, what memories come to mind that explain your experience overall? Choose one, explain the memory in detail, and explain it illustrates your schooling experience.

Body Paragraph 1: In this paragraph, explain what you first wanted to be when you grew up. Why did you want to be this? Did this idea change over time? How? Why? How did your schooling opportunities and experiences influence your ideas and decisions on who you might be one day?

Body Paragraph 2: In this paragraph, describe the last years of your educational journey in high school. Where were they? What was that setting like? How did life as a teenager/adolescent support or interfere with these years? What did you witness happening to your peers around you, and how did that affect you? What emotions (happiness, a sense of belonging, anger, frustration) do you think of when you think of your last years of schooling before Guttman?

Body Paragraph 3: Here, explain how it is that you chose (or didn't choose—you can be honest!) Guttman. What made you come here? To community college overall? What do you want to do with this year? This degree? The rest of your life? How do you see Guttman playing a role in your future?

Conclusion: Tell me anything here that you feel will help me know you better as a student, a learner, a reader, a writer, a human—anything! We all have many identities that intersect in the classroom. Tell me what you feel I should know. This helps me help you throughout the semester. Be as open and honest as you feel comfortable.

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