My Educational Objectives and Career Plans are to graduate with a degree in Animal Science and continue to earn my Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine with a Specialty in Surgery. I am also passionate about genetic research and hope to get grants to pursue and develop some theories I have been interested in. I was born with various medical challenges and spent many years home sick in bed until I eventually had to be homeschooled. However, each time I met with a different doctor or specialist, I gained curiosity toward biology and other sciences. Since I was mostly homebound, I had time to rescue chickens and other animals and began to have a reason larger than myself to force me out of bed and into the outdoors. This led me down several exciting paths. An important one being, the wonderful world of 4H, an organization that helped me learn and develop many skills from animal husbandry and record keeping to public speaking.

 Over the years, as my public speaking skills improved, I discovered I have a passion for medical reform advocacy and conservation awareness. I travel to DC where my sister and I lobby the Senate and the House to raise awareness for Rare Disease patients such as ourselves. This is my 3rd year lobbying in DC. Fortunately, a couple of our initiatives are starting to gain ground. I’m also a team member with the San Diego Zoo Conservation Corps, Safari Park. I was one of 5 chosen from over a hundred applicants. I’ve spent the last few years educating park guests on plant and wildlife conservation. We also rebuild local habitats and replant indigenous plant life after natural disasters. In addition to my love of conservation and animal husbandry, I have a deep passion to study selective breeding and genetics. This has led to me breeding show quality Bantam birds that 4H children can use for Showmanship. My years of breeding have helped me develop a genetic theory that I hope to get a grant to research in college. Beyond years of practicing animal husbandry through 4H, Record Book keeping has taught me the practicality of working smarter, not harder and that keeping animals not only should be humane but financially logical. I have so many plans for the future and am thankful I found a way to explore many of them already. Adversity has inspired me to develop tools that I look forward to sharing with the world.