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L-A It's Happening Here!

This essay requires that I pick the "most happening" aspect of our community, but choosing just one thing truly is a difficult task. I was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston on March 9, 1990, and I have lived on Taylor Pond in Auburn all of my life. Having grown up here, I feel a great connection to the Lewiston-Auburn area. All of my friends live here and I have had so many wonderful experiences that it is hard to imagine living anywhere else.

The education I have received in Auburn schools has been fantastic. I attended Fairview Elementary School when I was younger, Auburn Middle School for seventh and eighth grade, and am currently attending Edward Little High School as a senior. I could not have asked for a better education. I think that Auburn schools provide their students with the best environment for success. In the elementary school, teachers encouraged me to do my best so that I could realize my full potential, and offered me extra-curricular programs in music and chorus to help round me out. In the middle school, teachers prepared me for high school by challenging me with a heavier work load and more difficult classes. In the high school, I have been given the opportunity to choose the classes that have prepared me for college. I was able to take many math and science courses, such as Honors and Advanced Placement courses in Physical Science, Geometry, Chemistry, Algebra II, Calculus, Biology, Physics, and Anatomy and Physiology. I know I have been very well-prepared for the career in pharmacy I have chosen. Education here is a truly happening experience.

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I also appreciate the many clubs and activities that the Auburn and Lewiston community offered me. Recreation programs in swimming, ice skating, and track were available and an enjoyable, happening part of my life and learning. I've made wonderful friends here, and learned many valuable lessons, such as the importance of volunteering, recycling, and helping others. Each spring for the past few years, my father has organized a spring cleanup of city green spaces during which volunteers would pick up trash and litter in Auburn and Lewiston. I found participating in the Community Cleanup to be a very positive experience. Entire families with children showed up in order to help out. I really think that it is important to instill in children the importance of community service and spirit, another happening thing in L-A.

Shopping in L-A has become more and more exciting. I am so glad we have such great stores and restaurants (though I am still holding out for an Aeropostale store).

But when all is said and done, the most happening thing for me would have to be the scenic beauty. I love living where I live. In the summer, I enjoy canoeing on Taylor Pond and observing the plant and wildlife. In the fall, I love watching the leaves change color, hiking in the area, and visiting the apple orchards. In the winter, a fresh snowfall is always beautiful, and observing it from atop a mountain right before you are about to ski down is spectacular. Also, in the spring, it is always exciting when the snow melts and you can see flowers blooming and leaves budding.

In conclusion, I love living here and being a part of the Lewiston-Auburn community. Although I will be leaving shortly to attend school at Husson College in Bangor, I hope that it will work out for me to return to the Lewiston-Auburn area after college to work and raise a family.

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