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### College Report

My dad has been my role model for most of my life; I love the kind of life he has and can give to my family. My dad is a pilot for one of the most popular airlines in the United States, Delta. I have always been interested in where he flies to, and the dynamics of the plane. I also just love flying in general. I recently developed a heart for production of the news and the behind the scenes act. As I have grown older, my love for both airplanes and TV production has gotten stronger. It is almost time for me to make the decision on where to go to college and what to study. I have narrowed it down to aeronautical science and broadcasting, but I cannot decide which I love most. In this essay I am going to explain all the research I did to help me learn more about each career and which would be the best fit for me.

Aeronautical science is a more professional way saying “studying how to be a pilot.” There are a lot of requirements and motivation that goes into becoming a pilot such as getting your private license before starting at a college, gaining hours for a job, getting multiple different instrument ratings. A lot of young students going into AS already have their private pilot’s license before they go into college which makes getting a spot in one of the good universities very competitive. Pilots earn a lot of money. They fly a very expensive aircraft where people have to pay a lot of money to catch a flight, but it is because they are required to get people from

point A to point B without any discomfort. Pilots can never make a mistake due to the fact that they are responsible for everyone's lives on their plane. My dad, has told me over the past years a lot about what his job requires and his duties, other than flying the plane, that he has to do before getting settled on the plane. Pilots require a lot of different kind of school work. My dad went to college for four years to get his bachelor's degree in aeronautical science, then found his job with Delta. He also has to go to Atlanta, Georgia for school everytime he switches between planes. Not only did he have to take lessons to get his license, but he also takes classes in ATC (air traffic control) so he knows how everything around the airport works so that he can work along with it all. Pilots have to pre-flight before they board the passengers on the plane, which means they must walk around the plane and make sure everything looks normal and nothing is broken or has cracks. Not everything I include in this essay will be from my dad; I did extra research on this career on the other details that he does not feel comfortable telling me. Based on my research, the job outlook for pilots is on a slow incline with +4% job outlook ("Commercial Pilots" 1). The working conditions of a pilot can be complicated when the pilot is new, but gets exponentially better and more flexible as they get older; for example, my dad, after 20 years, only works approximately 9 days a month. Pilots must be flexible with overnight layovers and being on call to come in for a flight. Pilots must be able to solve problems fast with ideas and logic, sometimes using basic skills and knowing the technology they are working with to protect their passengers ("Commercial Pilots" 1). If a student has trouble finding an airlines to fly for after college, there are other related job that have to do with aviation. Some other jobs would be, air traffic control, where they tell the pilots where to fly and if they should avoid a certain area, or some other possible majors would be communications and public relations ("Bureau of Labor

Statistics” pg. 1). I’ve been interested in airplanes since I was nine years old, so I think I would greatly enjoy learning how to become a pilot and having the opportunity to travel around the globe.

**Meanwhile**, broadcasting also seems like a very fun lifestyle and cool opportunity. A person could announce sports, also getting the chance to show people how good of an announcer a person can be, and depending on that, they can move up on the spectrum becoming more famous and/or meeting famous people. Broadcasting today does not have a high job outlook; in fact, there is a -9% decline for new job opportunities in the future (“Occupation Profile” 1). If someone looking for a job in broadcasting, and cannot find one, there are other common related careers: reporters and correspondents, radio announcers, producers, editors, and public relations specialist. I researched the daily activities, schedules and working conditions to find out how entertaining the job would be and if it would be the right fit. When participating in broadcasting, I would often have to be able to write informational material for myself or the people on TV as well as edit others written materials, I would need to be able to report or edit activities, but most importantly, report news to the public, and also determine presentations subjects that are relevant to today’s society (“Occupation Profile” 1). Broadcasting may have a decline in job outlook but I am very interested in this job area and based on my personality I think it would be a good fit for me.

After my research on comparing aeronautical science and broadcasting, I think the job that best suits me is broadcasting. Although the median salary for a broadcaster is \$40,910 and the median salary for a pilot is \$137,330 I would want to have the career that I would enjoy the most. I love being on camera, and I find it easy to operate the behind the scene switching and

also writing the script. I don't think being a pilot would be suitable because of how much experience you should have before going into college to learn aeronautical science, and I don't have a lot of time left for that. I also do not think I am good at quick problem solving and using controlled movement and the updated technology that airplanes have. Although I love traveling, hopefully I can make my way up on the spectrum in broadcasting to enjoy it and hopefully still make enough money to continue to travel in my future.

Being a pilot allows someone to travel the world while doing their job, and that seems like everyone's dream job. Broadcasting allows a person to have the chance to become famous depending on how good they are, and these days, most people want to be the center of attention. It is a hard decision to choose what career I want for the rest of my life, but also asking around, a lot of adults do not do what they originally planned, which makes me rest easy and not stress about having to be set of a career the first day I walk on a college campus as a freshman.

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