I will be a lifeguard at the Art of Animation resort and Pop Century resort during my participation in the Disney College Program for the Spring Semester. I will go through a week of training, involving CPR and First Aid, AED training, and lifeguard training. I have taken the initial swim test and my week of training begins Sunday, January 25th. During this weeklong training process, I will meet my managers and leaders for duration of the program. I have a Disney Traditions course on January 23rd that will inform me of the background information about the program/company and what they expect of me as a cast member. All training requires participants to dress in professional attire, work on communication skills, and networking techniques.

I will be assisting the organization by becoming a member of the Disney Corporation, working on networking, etc. As a lifeguard, I will be working full-time, while taking classes online with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, as well as classes offered at the Disney University campus. I will attend meetings regularly for the lifeguarding position and will be tested to ensure that I can continue in the position.

I will also be taking a Professional Development Security course while here at Disney. This will help me as a sociologist for several reasons.

First, the security course is a professional development course that will help me with my career goals in the criminology department. I believe that having this course in my background will set me apart when applying for graduate school or the workforce. Disney is known for their strict security.

Second, the lifeguard position will let me use my sociological eyes to see the affects of body image as mentioned in my sociological question. The lifeguard position will also help provide me with experience in a highly trained position that will be beneficial in the future. CPR and First Aid certification are always good to have when wishing to work with law enforcement.

Disney offers a variety of opportunities to create networking, and I plan to attend these when possible in order to work on my personal branding for the future. The professional development security class will be beneficial for my in my long-term plans because it is another area that I will be able to say I have background knowledge of or experience in. The course has students working with fraud, K-9 units, and other branches. This course runs for several weeks during my program and will help provide me with a well-rounded view of the entire system. The well-rounded view will help me see the areas that I would wish to further explore