

Journal Entry #3: References

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My academic reference for the 2009-10 school year would be Professor of Psychology and Cognitive Science, Donnicus Tate. During my freshman year, I took her Introduction to Psychology course, and I found that I really enjoyed my time in her class, as well as our conversations during her office hours. As a result I asked her to be my sophomore advisor and thus plan to work very loosely with her as well. I also feel that she would be a wonderful academic reference because she is the leader of Developmental Psychology laboratory on campus, as well as the fact that she has many works published along with her husband on Developmental Psychology. Because I strategically chose her as my sophomore advisor, it may be a bit easier for me to keep in contact with her. But I would like to ensure that that our relationship extends beyond, merely signing papers. As a result, I will attend her available office hours so that I may keep her updated on my academic life and I intend to further this relationship by either working in her Psychology lab or by working with one of her colleagues that she recommends.

My other academic reference would be my college master, Dwayne Zambrano. Because I just recently switched my residential college, I believe that he would be a valuable resource and asset to get to know. Not only can he help guide me through college but he works in some of my fields of interest. He is also a professor of Psychology but works mainly in neuroscience. This past year I had one meeting with him, and in the future I plan to schedule some more meetings, which would also be easier since now I belong to his residential college. I would especially like to keep him open as a contact because of the many chances I have to get to know him on a more personal level.