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"You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to play better than anyone else." –Albert Einstein.

Albert Einstein, besides being an important contributor to our combine knowledge of Math and Science, is one of my favorite historical figures. He contributed in one of the most basic principles of Physics: **INERTIA**.

The tendency of a body at rest to remain or of a body in straight line motion to stay in a straight line unless acted on by outside force; the resistance of a body to change in momentum. (Collins Tesauro, n.d.)

I like to believe I am a body whose outline source, capable of changing the path it takes, is myself. This quote refers to the ability of preparing ourselves, based on what is already dictated, in order to persevere and succeed. Nevertheless, I devise it as something more. We each have the potential to achieve our goals, contribute to society and make a difference. However, this depends (mostly) in ourselves.

Similar to trust, change only works when it comes from within. Raised as a foster child, life experiences were and are different for me. Like many other foster kids, expectations were that I should be molded, even hammered, by the negative experiences life could offer. Growing up, I watch my mother abandon her children, and even some repeating the same mistake. Yet, I always studied and did my chores. I learned how to survive in houses that were never mine.

Learning has always kept me interested in life. I have a passion for art, poetry and Accounting. Yet, if Leonardo Da Vinci had not taken his oil paintings

to his poplar board and if Shakespeare had not stopped to write his thoughts on his paper, today we would not have some of the greatest masterpieces in art and literature. When I chose to study Accounting, I chose to be who I want to be, despite of what I was "destined" to become. It may seem insignificant, but having initiative and being determined are part of the rules of any game. There is no better player than the one who is capable of believing in **herself** despite of anything or anyone else.

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