

Essay Question: While working at the theatre, what experiences or training did you receive that you feel will benefit you as you pursue your education?

Few people develop their life's work until the latter stages of their time on earth. I believe in the idea of life's work and I am actively searching to find out what my life's work is.. I feel even fewer people recognize the value of doing good work. I have had a few jobs that looking back, I would rather have not taken. I have had bosses that provided more learning opportunities in their folly than in their actual direction. Many people find their first jobs are character building, but in all of the wrong ways. My first real job however, was the opposite and had me spoiled. Gary Dupuis was an awesome first boss. Gary not only taught me the in's and out's of the theater business, but he also taught me something that has stuck with me. He taught me about the ever present importance of passion. Passion is going to be a very present theme for this essay. Gary taught me that everyday is an opportunity and that your work should mean something to you, that the customer can sense if you don't care. He took the time and patience to not only show me things but explain how and why they worked that way. I loved learning how to make popcorn and how the projector worked. This is all cool information to have in my brain, but not a day goes by that I don't think about having passion in whatever I am doing. Work devoid of passion is simply pointless. So I am here in college searching and as I search for what I want to do with my life and I explore what the world has to offer, the skills that Gary taught me are ever present in my mind. The idea of the elusive concept of passion. The idea that a simple smile can change the way someone walks into a movie. The customer meets you where you are and in turn will reflect your energy. The theater business will always be close to my heart, but not just because I love movies and popcorn. I have eaten a lot of popcorn. The theater business taught me customer service at its finest and how to reach people through social media, two tools that are vital in today's world. The theater simply taught me that it is crucial that in the world you find something you're passionate about and in that work you must always seek to grow and cultivate that passion.