I am a prime example of a Cranberry Township resident born and raised. I have lived here for all my life, and I don't have one bad thing to say about it. The opportunities this community have provided for me as I have grown up over the years have been unmatched. Through educational, athletic, professional, and religious opportunities, I would not be where I am today without my community and all the things I have learned along the way.

To start off, Cranberry Township is a part of one the best school districts around, Seneca Valley. While one might see a large school like this and think it is just an average big public school, they could not be more incorrect. Seneca Valley is focused on more than just an education. They are focused on producing well balanced individuals that have the skills to thrive in college and beyond. For me specifically, I was privileged enough to take classes that a smaller school might not have access to, such as AP courses and dual enrollment courses. Not only that, but the diverse range of courses Seneca offers is incomparable to any other district. They provide advanced level elective courses such as pottery, which I took as well. All the options teach different skills that a student can apply to life to help better themselves. If I wasn't a part of my Cranberry Township community there's a chance I wouldn't have been put into this incredible school district, so for that I am grateful.

Another huge benefit to living in my community is the endless opportunities for growth. Cranberry township is rapidly expanding and bringing more people. With more people, more businesses arise which provides tremendous job opportunity. This is really important to me because I am entering adult hood, and it is vital that I learn how to be responsible and maintain a job on my own. I am able to learn communication skills, problem solving skills, money management skills, and so much more.

Lastly, I would like to mention the people of cranberry Township. I have met some of my best friends and people I consider Family through this community. Whether that was through being on a team together for sports or meeting new people at my church. Cranberry gifted me so many places where I was able to find people who will always support me and my goals. It is a blessing to be able to come back to a town that is always cheering you on from wherever you are, and the people of Cranberry Township do just that.

All of these different lessons and skills I have picked up on throughout my life wouldn't have been possible if I lived elsewhere. I will forever carry everything I have learned from living here with me to use in my life beyond Cranberry Township. I aim to be a positive light that reflects well on Cranberry in the future.