

Throughout your off day, during the morning

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Throughout life, there's days which turnout to be good or bad days. It could happen at work, on your off day, during the morning or night and sadly, most of the bad days are unpredictable. Not much you could do to prevent. On the other hand, there are days where you can set goals to make sure it turns out to be a positive, productive day once it's over. There also are days which can be life-changing, eye-opening or days you see the world differently than you have pictured or imagined before. It's sort of like a reality check. The day it occurs happens to all of us.

This is how we learn and become better versions of ourselves. No way for us to become better as a person if there's not days you encounter where you have to grind out the struggle or get through something which turned out completely different than planned/pictured your whole life. If someone said they never had this day happen, that person would be lying.

I highly doubt someone never went through this event in their life and I'm sure you, the reader, can gladly agree with me. Some of us went through it at a young age, some middle aged and others later in life. You'll never know when it will occur until it happens during your life. The day in my life which changed the way I saw the world was when I was applying for my first summer job. It all started on a bright, summer morning of last year. It was warm as the desert and I just completed my freshman year of college. I just woke up and could smell my mom making breakfast along with hearing my horse and chickens eating as well.

My brother and father were outside checking on them while I heard my mom talking to my grandparents on the phone while making us breakfast. Turned

out my grandparents were on the way over to come eat breakfast with us. When I was eating lucky charms, my parents told me how they didn't want me be home all day or go another summer without making money. So I agreed with my parents I would drive around my hometown of Arroyo Grande, California, plus go online and look for job openings knowing it would be nice to have extra money on the side I could save or spend. The second week following school being out is when I had the reality check and saw the world differently. I was looking everywhere within a 20 minute radius of my house to see who was hiring.

I didn't have a preference of where or what I wanted to do so I looked into anywhere such as retail positions, fast food restaurants, moving companies, UBER etc. This is how I pictured the world was. I saw the world as getting a job sounds pretty easy and that I just need to go to school along with do well in all my classes. If I do this, I'm guaranteed a job somewhere. Nope! After finding 5 companies that were looking for summertime applicants, I came to the realization of noticing job applications are long and really break down who you are along with how you could stand out versus the competition in forms of questionnaire.

Seeing how long it took me to complete one application changed my view of the work force and of the world. Nothing is easy and free in the world today. Depending on your career, you might have to go through more years of college because it's what the company requires or because it can really put you ahead of the other applicants for the job position.

The company which hired me for the summer was Nike and they had a retail store 10 minutes from my house. What I had to do was go online to Nike.com/jobapplications and fill out the application.

I thought it was going to be quick and easy but once the page loaded, it was divided into 10 parts. I was shocked and asked my parents if this was normal. They both said yes and laughed. I still remember telling me “Welcome to the real world”. My parents helped me complete it which took a little over an hour to complete. I had no idea they wanted to know so much about me. I saw job applications as like a one-page information worksheet and then the company would call to schedule an interview. It took me a week later once I submitted the application to receive the call on a bright, warm Saturday early afternoon from one of the managers who said, “On behalf of Nike, we would like to continue the process with you by scheduling an interview along with a background check as well”.

I was excited as a little kid opening up presents on Christmas to receive the call. Once the conversation with the manager was over, I quickly saved the date of the interview into my phone and set multiple reminders knowing I can't screw this opportunity up by missing it. After I saved the date, I called all of my family to spread the good news. Everyone was so excited and thrilled for me. To celebrate this, my family took me out to eat at one of my favorite restaurants, Olive Garden. This event will always be memorable for me not just because it was my first ever job, but because it made me feel like a full time working adult.

With having gone through this step in my life, I'm more ready for what the real world is like and ready to face the obstacles that are going to come with. There was no way I could be ready for life after college if I didn't go through this process. Working has made me a better all around person by being able to talk to anyone, any age.

It also allowed me to get my feet wet in a potential real-life situation because I'm now aware of what I'm going to have to do once I graduate. It would be terrifying applying for jobs on my own without a clue of how and what to do on the application. This experience also has me more driven to succeed and get the job of my dreams once I graduate. Therefore, I'm very grateful for my parents pushing me to apply for summer jobs because I know it's going to benefit me down the road and I know they are doing it to see me succeed. Without them, I couldn't be who I am today.

I chose this example as the one day in my life when I changed the way I saw the world because it had the biggest impact I thought on me. The day I chose was the day I received a call at home on my mobile phone from a manager at a Nike retail store 10 minutes away from my house. This day really opened up my eyes and encouraged me to keep working hard in college because I came to the conclusion the better you do in school, the better outcome for jobs in your career will be. Everything in this world comes with a price and you can't take anything for granted.