

The saying goes, “Jack of all trades, master of none, though oftentimes better than master of one.” How does this saying relate to you?

We all have our small hobbies that we love, whether it be tending a garden, painting sunsets, spending countless hours on video games, or simply listening to the rain. But no matter how many different things we love in life, society urges everyone to choose a path, take on a career, and keep it until the day you pass. That is the hardest part about growing up and becoming an adult. In 8th grade I took a class involving career and writing, and I vividly remember a project where we were to research different careers we were interested in. Of course, at that young of an age I had no idea what I wanted to be. The moment we sat down to start our projects, one thought popped into my head. Who do I want to become?

Throughout highschool, I have learned many more things than I had imagined I would. Most important to me, I learned who I am and where I hope my future will take me. It all started with my local library. I loved reading books dearly, of all different genres. I craved the feeling of escaping all of my problems and entering a world made of words. When I ran out of books that interested me at my library, I started looking in the nonfiction section. One book caught my eye, so I took that book home and ever since my life has changed. It was a book about a psychiatrist and his career journey, and throughout reading that book, I lived that journey with him. Every discovery, every breakthrough, and every person he helped live a better life inspired me. From that moment on, I fell in love with psychology and the human mind. I am forever grateful to know what path I want to take in life, but I don't wish to have passion for only one singular thing in life.

Life is full of endless possibilities and infinite things to do and learn. Maybe it's only my impatience, but finding new things that I love gives me a sense of meaning in life. With my newfound love for science, I joined Science Olympiad. To find the meaning behind history, I joined National History Day. To embrace my love for music and art, I took a piano course and joined art club, in which I learned what I can create with creativity. To empower myself with strength and hard exercise, I joined volleyball and track. Even though the list of things I incorporated into my life continues, none of these things make me an amazing, flawless individual that may stand out compared to others. But all of these things make me who I am and help me express myself in so many different ways. All of these help me enjoy life for the little things and see the beauty in life through many perspectives. That is why I believe that a “Jack of all trades” is definitely better than a “master of one” simply because they can live life more for themselves rather than just for a profession.