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### Childhood Interview with Sierra Trabosci

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Dominic: My name is Dominic Garcia, I'm here today on March 3rd, 2022 with Sierra Trabosci here at the University of New Mexico's main campus in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hello Sierra, how are you doing today?

Sierra: Doing good, how about you?

Dominic: I'm doing fine, thank you for asking. Now, today we're going to be talking about our childhood memories, so we're going to go way back. Where were you born?

Sierra: I was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, out here at what was the Lovelace hospital in 2003.

Dominic: On what date?

Sierra: February 14th, 2003.

Dominic: Ah, that explains your middle name. Her name is Sierra Love Trabosci. So, Sierra, what elementary school did you attend?

Sierra: I attended two, yeah two elementary schools overall but the majority of my elementary school days were spent at A. Montoya Elementary, and the other half at Route 66 Elementary.

Dominic: At Montoya Elementary, who was your best friend? Do you still remember?

Sierra: Yes, I remember it was (1:00) you know, the kindergarten controversy of course. But it was probably my best friend at the time, her name was Alexa Newman, and she was a very angry redhead (chuckles). But, yeah no she was a lot of fun, I spent a lot of time at her house going to movies, and you know, eating snacks and things.

Dominic: Are you still in contact with Ms. Newman today?

Sierra: Every once in a while, we'll have contact. Yeah, she lives in Texas now so it's a little difficult.

Dominic: Where did you attend middle school?

Sierra: I also had two middle schools, the very beginning I spent at Edgewood Middle School, where we were the Eagles, and then I spent the majority of it at Estancia Valley Classical Academy, where we were the Minutemen.

Dominic: The Minutemen? What were pep rallies like, if you had any.

Sierra: We did not have any pep rallies, I was actually on the school's very first sports team. We were a brand new school at the time, and I was on the archery team, which had come out about four years after the school was founded.

Dominic: Archery? What were your experiences like there?

Sierra: (2:00) Archery, I've always loved archery. I fell in love with it after watching *Brave*, it's a good old Disney princess. But we went to the state championship the first time as a (inaudible), and I got seventy-eighth place, which is better than it sounds (laughs), because there were one hundred and forty of us at the time, so I didn't do terribly.

Dominic: Did you have any teachers from that time that still stand out to you to this day?

Sierra: Yes, one in particular would be Mr. Knuckles, who was my Western civilization teacher, and he was a lot of fun. We had to take a lot of extra notes, he wore us down for sure, but he was one that would always, you know, check up on you and make sure everything was fine, and he'd always be the person to give you good feedback even if it wasn't in his class, which was a life saver. EVCA.

Dominic: Moving onto more recent childhood, technically under eighteen, that is childhood, where did you attend high school?

Sierra: (3:00) I attended high school, again, two different high schools (laughs). But yeah, my freshman year I was at Estancia Valley Classical Academy, and starting sophomore year, Moriarty High School.

Dominic: Tell me about Estancia Valley Academy.

Sierra: Yeah, Estancia, it was a very unique charter school, and the only one of its kind within like a ten mile radius I believe, and it thrived on what they called, “classical learning”, which was really unique, it was basically a lot of college courses through middle school and high school, we had our uniforms and we were required to only take Latin for our language, and pretty much learn everything as if we lived in the 1700s, which was interesting in its own way and a lot of, kind of superstition, that’s the word, but overall it was nice, it was small, there were only thirty of us in the grade, so (laughs)

Dominic: Would you say that their “classical learning” approach helped you approach college life?

Sierra: Yeah, (4:00) I think so. I was, by the time I got to high school, I was a little bit sick of it, just in general, but it really helped prep me, especially for different history classes, and how different tests are approached.

Dominic: Now, tell me about your second high school.

Sierra: Yeah, Moriarty High was pretty much the exact opposite of EVCA, it was much more laid back. It’s known for being a kind of iffy school, but I loved it. It was nice, they have a great guitar program there that I was a part of, and I had a smaller number of friends, and managed to get into the Honors Society.

Dominic: Congratulations.

Sierra: Thanks. (giggles)

Dominic: Do you have any fond memories of your very early childhood that you can remember?

Sierra: Yeah, probably one of my favorites, and it’s kind of goofy and I was thinking about it not too long ago actually was, we had gotten a new couch or whatever when I was five, and I stole the box, (laughs) (5:00) go figure, they don’t usually come in boxes, but I made a stage out of it, and I would make my own plays when I was like five or six, so that box was like my life for a solid six months, because that was my little stage performance area.

Dominic: Sounds like a lot of fun, we are approaching our time limit, however. Is there anything else you'd like to add about your childhood memories?

Sierra: (Pause) I'd say probably one of my favorite things on the planet was when my siblings were born because I was not an only child at that point, and being an older sibling is a lot more fun than being a younger sibling, so yeah, just the entire toddlerhood stage of my little sisters was a blast.

Dominic: Sounds good. Well, thank you very much for the interview and for your time.

Sierra: Thank you. (End 5:49)

Doing an interview like this was a lot different than the ones I had usually done before in grade school. When I had to do interviews for classes before college, they were never recorded, and I only needed to write down bullet points and important phrases. Transcribing an entire interview is something I had not done before. I do enjoy conducting interviews, although I think I would have a better time and yield better results if my allergies were not as big of an issue, (I heard myself breathing hard throughout the interview because I was having difficulties, as well as having a weird voice sound). And if I could prepare questions ahead of time to promote more thoughtful answers towards a specific topic. Being an interviewee was also a good experience, it's nice just answering questions, and the best part of an interview is that you can say only what you are comfortable with sharing. I have considered doing History or Journalism as a major, since I am not good with science and math scares me. If I pursue one of those majors, transcribing interviews will definitely be a worthwhile skill. Sierra was a great interviewee and I hope that the transcription is to par with the standards of this class.