Statement of Purpose of Mark Davidson

 There’s nothing more fascinating to a person than the exploration of the unknown. For some, including myself, the exploration of cultures seems to be an entirely different world, new languages, new people, new habits. Just like Jean Luc Picard of the USS Enterprise was sent to explore new worlds, so is my goal, to explore new lands and to meet new people. Not only is this for my own personal gain, but with the language of Spanish as my tool, I may also help the developing Spanish speaking countries in entering the global community.

 I have already experienced both the richness in culture and poverty of developing Spanish countries through my travels of Central America. While traveling through Central America, I witnessed class disparity, so staggering it seemed difficult to believe.

 I am a student who is dedicated to learning about other people, and in ways that we can balance the economic struggles of the developing countries. With the Spanish language as my universities and god’s gift to me, I can use it to do what so many have overlooked. Studying Spanish language and culture interests me greatly not only for what I can do with it, but it makes me feel like an explorer of a different world, which to many is only in fantasy and science fiction, but I have made it a reality by truly enjoying what I study.

 Being an ethnically white student who has had no real contact with the Spanish culture or language for my entire life, I have a different view on race than many of my colleagues. Before I began my studies I had a generally negative view on the Mexican nation and culture, however after my studies I have come to admire them and the depth of their culture.