Multicultural Issues

Reason for Becoming a Mathematician:

Jonathan Farley did not decide to become a mathematician until he was fourteen years old. He was in his tenth grade English class when a questionnaire was given. This questionnaire was to help determine what a person's ideal vocation would be. Farley's turned out to be either a mathematician or a statistician. At the time, he thought statistics was boring, so he focused on the mathematics part. Today, he is a well-known mathematician.

Support System:

Jonathan Farley was supported by his parents who are university professors. He was interested in the teaching aspect of mathematics. Farley was fortunate to have his parents support. I have studied mathematicians who did not have parental support for their love of mathematics.

Other Interests:

      In addition to mathematics, Farley is interested in African history, politics, and philosophy. He likes to go to movies, to read books, to watch plays and performances of dance troupes, and to go to clubs and cafes with his friends. He also writes for a weekly publication in Nashville, Tennessee called Urban Flavor. One of his heroes is the co-founder of the Black Panther Party. Farley is active with issues such as the Black Panther Party and students against Proposition 209. Farley has been very active in many different things.

See the main web page for some additional links to information about the Black Panther Party and Proposition 209.