

Intro/Hook: My life has been a series of unexpected, metaphorical, and literal adventures.

Vignette 1

- It was supposed to be a typical summer camping trip until a sudden thunderstorm sent a massive tree crashing down on our tent in the middle of the night.
- As the rain poured through the torn nylon, my friends huddled in panic, but I sprang into action - rigging a makeshift tarp shelter and cordoning off the dangerous area until we could hike out at first light.

Vignette 2

- When my high school merged debate teams with our rival school, the transition was anything but smooth. Personality clashes and egos created constant turbulence.
- Rather than getting swept up in the drama, I suggested we all share something personal about our lives at each practice, allowing us to find common ground beyond competition.

Vignette 3

- My first week as an orientation leader for incoming freshmen, a parent suffered a medical emergency during the campus tour I was leading.
- While others froze, I remained calm - calling for help, creating a perimeter, and continuing to engage the new students until EMTs arrived, ensuring their transition to college didn't get derailed.

How I've embraced life's unpredictable challenges

- Whether nature throws a curveball, complex social dynamics, or crisis situations, I've learned to pivot, problem-solve, and bring a steadying presence.

- My ability to calmly navigate the unexpected while unifying others will allow me to thrive at [University] and beyond.