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A Typical Kid – Who Wants to Work for Metro When He Grows Up

By RICH MORALLO

(June 24, 2004) Danny Elliott is your typical teenager. English is his favorite subject at North High School in Torrance. He listens to jazz, rapp and hiphop music. He 's also in the band where he plays the sax.



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Metro hopeful Danny Elliott

But Danny, who turns 16 next month, also has a passion for transit. He has visited all 12 Metro Bus operating divisions. He's taken 2,000 pictures of buses. And, he has attended the annual Bus Rodeos,

Danny's college plans: study hard and earn a business degree. And after college? Join Metro of course.

Wanting to work for the county's bus company is practically a foregone conclusion after years of traveling on Metro.

Riding with his grandmother

"Ever since I was an infant I've been on Metro buses," explains Danny, as he describes how his grandmother would take him all over the city when he was six months old. The family lived in Gardena then and public transportation was the way to go since they didn't have a car.

The young man rides Metro bus lines on the weekends, sometimes hopping on Line 210 to travel the 11-mile route along Crenshaw Boulevard toward the South Bay.

Danny also keeps up to date with the latest Metro news. He recently checked around to find out when the new NABI 45-foot low-floor buses would arrive at the agency.

Just likes Metro

"I just like Metro buses and the agency," exclaims Danny whose email address is – no surprise – *lacmta18@aol.com*.

Outlining his plans to work for Metro, Danny says, "I'd like to start out as a part-time bus operator, proceed to becoming a full-time operator, and then supervisor and manager."

In the meantime, he's made countless friends among the Metro staff. Recently, he attended division open houses at both Carson Division 18 and Arthur Winston Division 5.

"I see Metro helping a lot of people and I want to be part of that,"

Danny says.

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