Values Statement

1. Challenge 1. Commitment 1. Family
2. Commitment 2. Faith 2. Faith
3. Simplicity 3. Equality 3. Commitment
4. Creativity 4. Making a Difference 4. Making a Difference
5. Devotion 5. Creativity 5. Humility
6. Hard Work 6. Humility
7. Holiness 7. Modesty
8. Endurance 8. Forgiveness
9. Faith 9. Organization
10. Family 10. Family
11. Forgiveness
12. Generosity
13. Personal Growth
14. Organization
15. Making a Difference
16. Modesty
17. Intimacy
18. Enthusiasm
19. Equality
20. Humility

It was very hard for me to come up with my five top values because I had to really prioritize them. I think that family is at the top of my list because without my parents, who both are equally great people, I would not be the person that I am today. They always stress the importance of me becoming my "own" person instead of following the crowd. If my family is a source of external support, then my faith has become, over these past few years, a great source of internal and spiritual strength. I can honestly say that although people perceive me as a talented and accomplished young woman beneath all that hides a person that is quite susceptible to dark seasons of depression. If it would not have been for the relationship that I have with Christ, I would never find meaning to my earthly life. I have pinned commitment as my third value because I find it crucial to all aspects of life from school to relationships. Without commitment one cannot find consistency to life, which in my view is the magic wand that realizes big dreams. Although commitment to oneself is important, commitment to others is an even far greater value because there is fulfillment in living for others- making a difference. When we understand that everyone is different (economically, racially, etc) and that everyone is flawed to some degree (our human nature), we are able to see the whole picture to humanity. Moreover, we then help one another in each other's struggles. Finally, I chose humility as my final value because I believe that next to pride lies natural failure. No matter what I accomplish in this life, I want to be remembered as humble person that placed others above herself. Great leaders are not those who push their way to the top through selfish ambition, instead they are those people that able to recognize the potential in others and serve them in whatever way that is useful.