

My name is Matt Mowad and I am eighteen years old. I have been bowling my whole life and have had the highest average in house leagues and my high school division. I have also placed fourth in the state of Pennsylvania of all the high schools this past year. I average about 215 consistently in leagues over the last couple years. I have bowled 300's in leagues with horrible shots because I choose to not be a bowler who just wants to go to an easy house for big scores. Now that I graduated from high school I will bowl for Robert Morris University and help continue the tradition of winning for the school. I bowl in PBA experience leagues in which I have ran at my local house Sheffield lanes for three years now. I also work at Beaver Valley Bowl where I have learned to plug and drill balls for myself and others. I spend much time plugging old balls I find and drilling them just to bowl and see what drilling I can use to better my game on different shots. I feel like I can be the prodigy in bowling because of my extreme love for the sport I practice hard to achieve my goals and help every team I am on win as well as any singles match or tournament. My grandmother was a pro from the Pittsburgh area in the 70's and has taught me everything I needed to know. She gives me drive to bowl and now I believe I can make it in the bowling world. I plan on bowling in some regionals and hopefully if I can perfect my game go bowl in some PBA tournaments. A lot of people tell me I have natural talent for bowling which I believe is true. I don't like to be arrogant I don't normally say I am good at bowling but I have put up some good numbers in the past and present. That's why I believe I am a prodigy at the sport of bowling. I worked for some goals but I became good at the sport before I could even do simple algebra in middle school. Also with my natural ability to bowl I love to teach others so in hopes that they could have as much fun with it was me. Bowling is the best thing that's ever happened to me. It has always been a way of relaxing and proving to me that I could do something good. When I read the grand prize for this contest I was very excited to be

able to spend time with a pro. I have the utmost respect for those men and women because those shots are very difficult and bowling in the PBA experience leagues showed me that. I have always wanted to be like them and I have the ability to do it but I could always use tips especially from someone who knows it best. I feel like I am a prodigy and I want to continue to bowl like one and win big so everyone knows, and maybe I will make it out on the tour one day. It's a big dream but I am pretty sure I can.