Suggestions for Personal Statement

My commitment involves:

♦ Making higher education accessible to all
♦ Using diversity as a resource in my teaching
♦ Creating an atmosphere that respects all voices and diverse perspectives

My background that makes this possible:

♦ First generation college graduate
♦ First family member to seek a doctorate

My involvement with the community:

♦ Tutoring and mentoring students in my school/neighborhood
♦ Tutoring at the writing center and as an academic counselor as an undergraduate
♦ My service to my academic community as a member of organizations
♦ My involvement with volunteer organizations (hands-on housing) and student organizations (helping first-generation college students become acclimated to the university environment)

My academic interests and how they serve the larger community that is diverse

My goal as a college and university professor and researcher:

♦ To increase understanding by respecting the contributions of all
♦ To make sure that voices not heard in the past are now heard
♦ To elicit from students their thoughts on the value of diversity of thought and research approaches
♦ To make sure opportunities exist for all