

# The Creed of the Language Learner

“I won't be ignorant. I do realize that I have an important obligation to myself as an individual, and an obligation to others in my society, my children and yours, and the whole world.

Learning a foreign language is not only an opportunity, but an obligation to my ever-growing global society. I now declare myself “*aware*” that this choice I make will affect the overall outcome of my brain and my whole life, not to mention its usefulness in the world after Hillsdale. That is, after my commitment to Spanish is done, I will be a much stronger communicator, negotiator, learner, thinker, singer, poet, writer, analyst, and scientist. I am here to do what it takes to train my mind and my capacity to acquire as much of the practical Spanish language as I can in as many years as I have left. My future is like Earth – it's my **choice** to let it rot, or let it blossom. I Own my past, and I Own My Future. I know that Now is the Present, and this Present is my Gift to Myself, as well as realize that Spanish is a communication skill that **only I can choose to acquire - Today**. Otherwise, its worth is nothing more than a pile of wet fireworks, or a disconnected cell phone. I will not waste my time. I will not let Rot the Future that I Own. I will not waste this Time. I am ready for more. I am ready for a modification of my mind.”

*-said the student.*