A Glance into the Future

“You’ll be pointing a gun and looking the other way!” This is the first thing my mother said when I told her I wanted to become a cop. To her, I was still a little shy girl. She could not picture me in a squad car or ordering criminals to put their hands up. After thinking this over, I decided she was right.

So when I had the opportunity to do the MicroSkills exercise this week, I was curious to see my results. The computer produced a list of occupations I had never thought much about. My top five: tattoo artist, martial arts teacher, automobile racer (which makes sense given that I received my first speeding ticket the same day I received my driver’s license), fortune teller, and—aha! FBI Agent. So it’s not a cop I’ve been wanting to become—it’s a secret agent!

I can really see myself as an FBI agent. I’m fascinated with the shows that are on TV. These shows make me wonder, “What would I do in that situation?” I know they are all pretend, but they still give a taste of what I might be doing. FBI agents have a lot of variety in their work. You don’t necessarily need to be out in the field. You could be in a lab, or (even better) in the cyberspace unit. This is something that would definitely interest me. I would look into computers and catch the bad guys who are engaging in identity theft, child molestation, and so on. Surveillance would be another area I’d like to work in. Who wouldn’t want to look into what people are doing that might be dangerous to someone else?
I realize now that I haven’t done much preparation for this dream job. Although I play a lot of computer games, I haven’t taken a single computer science class yet at Delta. I’ll probably need to take math and computer engineering too. Yikes! At least I’m working on my reading and writing skills because these will be extremely important for me down the road. I think I’ll check out the FBI’s web page too and see if they offer any paid internships or learning opportunities that will give me a boost. Yes, I think I’ll stay away from guns and squad cars and pursue further education because today’s criminals are awfully clever, and I will need to be at least as clever as they are.