

Why College is Important to Me

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Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." I want to change the world, and I want to make a difference one person at a time. Post-secondary school will help me to change the world.

Since childhood, I have known that I want to go to a post-secondary school. I was raised that way. Now that I am in high school, I am continuing to work towards that goal. I am not only maintaining a 4.0 GPA, but I am also involving myself in activities after school. Every year, I enjoy Project Lead the Way Biomed classes in which I have learned procedures and critical information for my future. Next year, I hope to obtain my State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA) so that I can gain more knowledge about the medical field, and "dip my feet in." I also hope to become a member of the Medical Explorers at Blanchard Valley Health System in Bluffton, Ohio. I cannot wait to shadow health professionals!

College is important to me because I want to enter the real world with a career that I can rely on to support myself. As a student, teachers constantly remind me that I need to have a college degree to get anywhere in life. Let me just say, "I fully agree with them." Getting a degree in the medical field has been my passion since I took my first Project Lead the Way Biomed class. I was, and still am, head over heels about the human body systems. It amazes me how quickly our bodies work. Neurons, specifically, amaze me because of the speed of the neurotransmitters. I am very passionate about majoring in the medical field because of my love for science and for people.

During my freshman year, I uncovered a paper I had written in third grade. I read the paper, laughing at my terrible spelling and grammar mistakes. At the end of the informative paper, I saw a question that intrigued me: what do you want to be when you grow up? As a third grader, I must have automatically put down the first answer that entered my mind, a doctor. Of course, as a third grader, I

did not know the extensive list of medical field careers. I did not know about Emergency Medical Technicians or even Neonatal Nurses. Who knew that there are over ten types of doctors? I have realized that my urge to enter the medical field is going to cause me some problems. I feel that I may never make up my mind about what career I want to pursue because of the variety of jobs available. I know, because of the many careers available in the medical field, that I will fit in somewhere. Will I be a physician, a nurse, a physician's assistant, or even a nurse practitioner?

College will help me take a step in the next direction. I will grow through the diversity of college, learn more about myself, and decide what medical career best suits me. I will become more independent without my parents looking over me. I cannot wait to find myself during college.