

Why College Is Important to Me

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When my grandma passed away from esophagus cancer six years ago, I became fast friends with her home healthcare nurse. Every time she walked through the door she would tell me, “Keep watch, because I’m here to help save the day.” From helping my grandma walk to providing advice and emotional support, I was hooked; she was a superhero. Even after everything was said and done, the nurse made my loss significantly less painful, and her words still continue to resonate in the back of my mind.

I always knew I was going to strive for a higher level of education, but I never expected to have such an inspiration until I met our nurse. Once she said her final goodbye, the thought of immersing myself into healthcare sciences appealed to me. College is important because of its impact. I want to be someone’s superhero – similar to how the nurse was one to me. Going into high school, I trudged through with one thing in mind: make myself impactful. I do not want to merely live my life; I want to change the world. I wholeheartedly believe that college will help me make a difference. Not only will the experience fuel my ambitions, but will also open up a vast array of opportunities, guidance, and instruction pushing me to fulfill my dreams. From nurses to professors and physicians to engineers, college furnishes an endless coalition of heroes.

Aside from a gratifying career and plethora of knowledge waiting to be unraveled, college offers an aspect I have been longing to attain: freedom. I desire the freedom to make mistakes, the freedom to mature as an adult, and the freedom to study for my own sake.

College will be my key to success; it will bring about my independence and growth as an individual. I know in my heart that college will free me from mere thoughts and implement them into actions. No matter the obstacles, I will elicit my inner superhero. Ultimately, college will enable me to find myself and become my own person.

College offers more than a diploma coupled with an education. The experience is revolutionary – college will introduce a new environment and peers who will change my life. The endless connections I make, the discoveries I uncover, and the person I become will all be credited to college. This is why college is so important to me. It is a life changer that drives my goals and inspirations. As William Butler Yeats once said, “Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.” Not only does college fuel my own lighting of a fire, but also the raging embers that will last for a lifetime.