

Why College is Important to Me

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Derek Bok, one of the presidents of Harvard University once said, "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." There is nothing more expensive than being ignorant. It can cost you opportunity, it can rob you of information that can inspire great ideas or possibly change your life. A college education is extremely important to me because it is a valuable investment in my future.

As I high school student living in a competitive world, you have to be equipped and prepared with a high standard of knowledge. A college degree can help you to attain all the dreams and hopes you wish to achieve. Even though I am presently in high school, I have already set my mind on the career and field I am determined to work in. I know that to fulfill my goals and dreams, I will need a college degree.

As a student, I see my life as an educational timeline. First I attend grade school, next high school, later college, after that graduate school. I hope that my educational timeline never ends because I intend to never stop learning and educating and equipping myself. If I stop at high school my educational web will be incomplete. Looking at the economy today, young people have to work harder than ever to compete in this world. In order to be in the running for the race of our future, we have to continually add to our education timeline, or learning journey. In the past, an Associate's degree was good enough to find a career, now a Bachelor's degree does not meet the requirements for many good careers. You have to obtain a Master's degree to be qualified for the better careers and be willing to continually develop your skills and knowledge even after you enter your chosen profession.

A college degree opens many doors of opportunity and allows us to explore every option available. A college degree helps you to get a good job or stable career. A good education can be a way into a prosperous career and more importantly a successful life. Many employers require people to

fulfill certain educational requirements before they will consider hiring them. When you hold a college diploma your horizon broadens. A college degree is an admission ticket to a professional job.

Many people find themselves questioning the importance of a college education. They ask themselves why college is important. In order to be successful you must have an education. I firmly believe in obtaining a college education. It is the means of developing oneself intellectually and socially. When all is said and done, education is not only about learning a profession; it is about being able to think deeply, share ideas, express yourself, reason and contribute to the world around you in an intelligent way.

College is very important to me. A college education will give me the training and knowledge I need to go out in the real world and land in the perfect career of my dreams. A college education will benefit me throughout my life personally, socially and intellectually. I am looking forward to begin my college journey and follow my dreams. My college education will be the foundation of my life. With my college education I will be prepared to face the world and step into my community armed with knowledge and skills that will enable me to be a useful and productive member of society.