

Why College is Important to Me

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When I was in the first grade I asked my dad if he could stack two storage containers on top of each other in my bedroom. Although unaware of my intentions, he saw no harm in this simple request and he agreed to take some totes from the basement and place them in the corner of my room. A few days later, both of my parents watched me as I sat on a folding chair using the containers as a desk to do my homework. At this moment, my parents realized what I had known for some time; I was naturally curious and passionate. It is this same curiosity and passion that has led me to pursue a college degree.

Just as I was passionate about my newfound experiences in elementary school, today I have found my greatest passions to be running and science. Having completed a half marathon, been the captain of my high school's cross country team and having run nearly five thousand miles in my life, running has truly opened my eyes to the success that can result from hard work. In addition, the field of science has come to spark my academic interests. Through college-level chemistry experiments to the history behind the thoughts of Charles Darwin, science has led me to ask questions and seek additional information outside of the classroom. In order to extend the depths of these two passions, I look to obtain a degree in sports medicine and then continue on to medical school. College is a place where I may extend my interests and turn them into a happy and successful career.

Additionally, my pursuit to attend college represents my commitment to better the American society. By continuing my education I hope to bring new skills and talents back into my local community. Similarly, as a military child I hope to use my college experience to help the men and women who serve our nation in our armed forces. As a sports medicine major and medical physician, I wish to come back to Northern New York and work with members of the Fort Drum community, and also with local high school athletes facing sport-related injuries. By attending college, countless career doors will open up for me, I will possess the knowledge I need to help others, and I will be able to give back to a community that has already given me so much.

College is a chance for me to enhance the values and passions I have grown up with. It is a chance for me to grow as an individual and as an active member of my community. It is a chance to serve as a role model for younger generations and show them that anyone can follow their individualized passions. College is important to me because it is a place I envision myself developing into a more well-rounded person, ready to take on my own, personalized career path in order to follow my dreams and help those around me.