

## Why College is Important to Me

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According to my Dad, "Life is full of opportunities. All you need is the determination and motivation to take advantage of the benefits that are out there." For as long as I could remember, my Dad has always been pushing me to try a little bit harder when it came to my education. He was never satisfied with any performance that was just merely adequate. One day, when I was finally fed up with my Dad's constant reminders to do well in school, I irritably asked him, "Why are you always pushing me so hard? Why is my education so important to you?" For a moment, he looked at me with such shocked disbelief that I felt that I had asked the most ridiculous question in existence. After a moment, my Dad simply told me, "Your education is important to me because I care about you and your future." Because of the words my Dad told me that day, my entire outlook on education changed. Something I had been taking for granted was something my Dad wished he had when he was younger. Though life is full of opportunities, a successful future will not occur if those chances are not take advantage of.

College is one such opportunity that can lead people down the path to success and good fortune. Because of my Dad's influence, I believe that college is important because it opens new doors and roads that would not be as easily accessible to me if I only had a high school education. I do not want to go through life having my options limited and my expectations trampled on before they could fully flourish, simply because I did not obtain the proper knowledge and skills in college. Such a life would only lead me down the path of frustration and regret, rather than toward the golden future I could potentially have. College is the stepping stone that will help me reach greater heights if I choose to accept and use it. Furthermore, though I may be concerned for my future, I also think college is important because it allows future generations to prosper as well.

Having an education after high school will not only benefit me, but it will also help children I may have. The burden of being born into a life filled with hardship because I did not go to college is a

weight that I will not intentionally place on any of my children's shoulders. I want to provide them with the best possible life that my college education can offer, and hopefully, the opportunities that I will give them will allow them to have prosperous futures as well. I value college and the advantages that it will give me because it will no doubt affect my future and the future of my children. I hope to one day express my view point on college to the family I have and tell them about the man that inspired it all.