

Why College Is Important to Me

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I love the feeling I get when I understand something; truly understand it. When that little ray of light enters my thoughts and confusion dissipates like fog on a bright summer day. All the work, all the searching for the hows and whys, becomes rewarding. I love knowing how so many things around me work and combine to make the beautiful world we live in. That is why my favorite subject is science, and that is why I love learning.

What drives me to learn is my thirst for knowledge and understanding. I want to work towards what I know I can become one day: a scientist. It's no wonder I read many unassigned sections of the Biology textbook. I simply want to gain the knowledge that is available to me from the hard work of those who already understand the way God's wonderful creations work.

I've always dreamed I would go to college, and I've always worked hard to get there. As I learn new things, I always try to understand them to the best of my ability. That's why, as I strive to expand my knowledge, I learn quickly. My endeavor to learn allows me to take and excel in accelerated classes. One thing I appreciate in the accelerated classes I attend is that I am surrounded by hard workers like myself. In this kind of environment, I can learn from my teachers and classmates alike. I know that my peers in college will be like my classmates in accelerated classes: willing and wanting to learn. I want to keep learning in this exceptional environment after high school, and I am willing to work hard to get it.

My parents have been crucial to my learning experience as tutors and supporters, and they have answered many of my unending questions. Their insight has helped me master many concepts, and I look up to them for their intelligence. Both of them are college alumni, and I

know if I want to be like them someday, I need to follow their example by going to college and always working hard.

My dream is to become a scientist. I want to discover and find things that will help animals around the world. I don't know if that means I will be a biologist, zoologist, ethologist, or a different kind of scientist, but I do know that I want to assist animals in their natural habitats by the work I do in a lab, office, outdoors, or any other place. This dream of mine can only be fulfilled by going to college first.

With support from my parents and my strong passion to learn and understand, I can grow and become what I want to be. I know college is the next step to keep progressing towards my goals after high school, and I'm excited and motivated to get there when the time comes.