

Why College is Important to Me

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It seems like kids across time have always been asked the same question consistently by at least one person in their life, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” The pattern begins in childhood and doesn’t end until one finally walks across the stage at their high school graduation. Unlike most children who normally provide an unrealistic response, I always had an answer and it was always the same thing. I wanted to be, and still want to be, a doctor when I grow up.

I used to sit at the dinner table with my family, eagerly awaiting my granny’s arrival, in order for her to recount the latest details on her experiences at work as an RN within our local hospital. The specifics of her memories exposed me to new concepts as a young girl, and I became more and more captivated by the inner workings of the medical field after every word. Although she is retired now, she remains my inspiration and has now become the cornerstone of support for my own medical ventures and goals as I pursue the furthering of my own education through classes like the ones I have taken at school.

As I’ve gotten older and recognized the interests that fuel me towards this dream of mine, I’ve realized that it is actually an attainable goal for me to live out with the help of one thing... College. Receiving a college education and earning an undergraduate degree is a vital stepping stone in the path that it takes to one day become a physician. This degree and the knowledge that I will have procured through a college education may determine whether or not potential medical schools will want me as one of their students. This then goes on to affect my attainment of a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree. Going to college will provide me with opportunities to work in specialized internships, discover new things while doing research, and develop professional

connections that may help me in the future. I also want to strive to develop on a personal level through the creation of new relationships while being immersed in new environments.

I not only consider this career as an answer to the overarching question that encompasses childhood, but a dream and an outlet where I have the potential to change the world. It is my personal creed and commitment to make a difference in people's lives through the field of medicine. By providing them the care that they deserve in order to treat and address the issues that they may be experiencing on a physical and mental level. Additionally, I desire to research future medical treatments and technology that could prevent or eliminate pathogenic threats which will benefit the coming generations.

Ultimately, college is the beginning of my lifelong journey of learning that will be filled with challenges and passion as I navigate my way to becoming a physician for the betterment of this world and those within it.