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What Drives Me?

When I was little, I dreamt of becoming an astronaut. I was enchanted by the idea of exploring space. However, as I grew older the reality of choosing a career path set in. While my peers seemed to have their futures mapped out, I felt like I was lagging behind. It was during this period of searching that I stumbled upon nursing.

At the onset of this year I decided to take an internship through the Cancer Center, driven by the idea to delve into medicine. I was pleasantly surprised to find myself enamored with the environment of the Cancer Center. Here I got to observe some procedures while helping others and I also witnessed the ups and downs of medicine. One particular patient who I met during my time here left an incredible mark on me. Despite her brutal battle with cancer she was always happy and she often brightened my days with small gestures of kindness. Her eventual passing left me feeling sad. Although I was sad, I was grateful for the chance to learn from her. I realized that there will be hard times in the medical field but being able to make just the slightest difference in a person's life is definitely worth it.

After finishing my internship with the Cancer Center my career path started to become clear that nursing is what I wanted to pursue. By becoming a nurse I knew that I could make an impact in other people's lives. However, nursing for me is not only a gateway to help others but it also allows me to contribute back to society in a meaningful way. I want to stay in New Mexico after I become a nurse so that I can give back to my community and the residents of the state. Nurses, I believe, possess a unique ability to relieve suffering, offer comfort, and bring hope to people's lives.

As I continue with my journey, I am looking forward to college so that I can deepen my understanding of nursing. College allows an opportunity for me to learn more about the intricacies of nursing from anatomy, physiology, to hands-on clinical experiences. Being able to make a difference in people's health astonishes me, but I also want to work towards creating more accessible healthcare systems for people. Someday I hope to become a talented and skilled nurse, that I will be valued not only by my knowledge but by my compassion too. My goal

to become a nurse is ultimately by the belief that the smallest acts of kindness can have a significant impact on people's lives and create a difference in the world.