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There are many things that drive me. The most important thing that drives me is my dedication to helping others, in any way that I can. One of the ways that I want to pursue helping others is to become a registered nurse. Ever since I was little, my grandma has had major health issues. I used to live with her, and I remember every few months paramedics coming to the house to take her to the hospital. I vividly remember visiting her, and watching the nurses be there for my grandma. Yes, the doctors obviously helped her get better, but it was the nurses that were spending the most time with my grandma, and truly helped improve her health. From witnessing the compassion and empathy of these nurses, I knew I wanted to be just like them.

Since then, I've been motivated to become a registered nurse. I've already become a Certified Nursing Assistant through Skyview High School's CNA program. I'm even currently in Skyview High School's EMT program because I know that knowledge will help me in the long run. As well as those classes, I'm also apart of HOSA, which is Health Occupations Students of America. I currently work in a nursing home called The Orchards of Cascadia. Working there has fueled my passion even more to help others. Don't get me wrong, there are times where it gets difficult. From seeing a patient go from independent to dependent, or unfortunately seeing a patient pass, it gets tough. But that is what fuels me even more. Knowing that I did everything I could have done to be there for my patients and their families when they were going through the worse time of their life. Seeing the difference I can make in people's lives is so rewarding and reminds me why I want to become a registered nurse. There's nothing more joyful than knowing

you made an impact on somebody's life. Something so little to you could mean the world to your patient. It's a privilege to help those in need and the feeling you feel knowing you're helping someone is a feeling I'll cherish forever.

I've decided I want to go to the University of Idaho to study Medical Sciences for two years, then go to Lewis Clark State College to get my BSN in nursing for an additional two years. I want to attend University of Idaho because I got recruited to be on their spirit squad, and being in a leadership role like that is something I value as well. I've done a lot of research, and I can confidently say that this pathway aligns best with my goal of becoming a registered nurse and the ultimate drive to help those in need. I know it won't be an easy ride, but I know in the end it will be worth it. It's unreal to think that my dream can become a reality. Ever since I can remember, being a registered nurse is what I wanted to do. Not for the money, not for the job stability, but for the pure reason and passion for helping others.