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What drives you?

When a person drives, they follow the signs to get to their destination. Although sometimes harsh weather makes it hard to see where you are going. Since I was little there have been many signs in my life that have guided me to my life goal. But it was difficult when these signs were manipulated. Growing up in a Hispanic community a career in STEM was discouraged. People's opinions pointed me far away from my calling. Signs cannot and should not go unnoticed, and my signs seemed to blink.

This year I had the privilege of meeting two students who came from Mexico. I was asked by my counselor because of my bilingual background to help them start as they were coming with only the Spanish Language. I realized the disadvantage they were in, put in classes far below their academic capabilities because of the language barrier. I thought about how prideful I was to take AP/ Honors classes and the opportunity the learning gave me and where it has gotten me. I realized no matter what I do in life, I will always have something to give to others. I am currently working towards a trilingual seal on my diploma and self-studying Mandarin Chinese (number one spoken language in the world). The impact I can have on the lives of others through my education that I am so privileged to have drives me. It gets me up in the morning, gets me through the hard school days, and got me through a season of depression.

My ultimate goal is to travel to underrepresented communities all over the world and provide neurological care to pediatric patients in need. Along with the creation of clean, safe, health facilities for this care at no cost to patients and their families. I am working towards this in diverse ways. Firstly, educating myself on the most effective way to achieve this, whether it be an

organization or nonprofit. And working hard to achieve higher-level education through a bachelor's in Neuroscience and Biomedical Engineering and later Medical School to become a Pediatric Neurologist MD.

I love neuroscience, the world needs Neurologists, I have an appreciation for the brain and understand how impactful a shift of perspective is. I believe in doing things you love and how beneficial they are to the brain. I play 5 instruments, love visual arts, staying active, and eating good snacks of course. Biomedical Engineering is going to change the future of medicine. It is time to let go of dependence on pharmaceutical companies, and build technology that is compact, convenient, and durable to travel with. We need to change the perspectives of children, especially those coming from backgrounds where they may feel incapable of achieving their goals. I may only be one person, but it only takes one sign, one right turn to change the course of someone's drive.