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As I entered the Simulation Center at UAMS, I was overwhelmed with excitement. I was about to participate in medical simulations with the use of mannequins! First up: a live-birth. Being the first person to hold the “baby” after its delivery was a feeling I will never forget. I knew then that I wanted to dedicate my life to medicine. My passion for medicine is what motivates me to perform well in school, even when the work becomes challenging. In most cases visiting an obstetrician is a joyful time in peoples’ lives, and I would find great fulfillment in being able to be a part of their joy. However, this can also be a very stressful or difficult time for patients and I wish to assist in diminishing their worries and caring for these patients in their time of need. Upon further research however, the realities of the cost of my undergraduate and medical school education became apparent. I knew that I didn’t want to start my career with a mountain of debt, so it became my goal to seek out opportunities to make my education as affordable as possible. My goal is to use scholarships to complete my undergraduate degree with little or no debt in order to save money for medical school.

Academically, I have many ambitions for my future. I hope to graduate high school as a distinguished high honor graduate and be one of the top 20 students in my class. Throughout high school, I have taken many steps to prepare for the future. I have taken 16 Pre-AP/AP classes, earned a 4.13 GPA, and held leadership positions such as National Honor Society Junior Representative and Vice President. I have also engaged in many programs over the summers such as The Perry Outreach Program at UAMS, HPREP at UAMS, Arkansas Governor’s School, and Arkansas Girls State. After high school, I plan to be a pre-medical honors student at The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Throughout the school year as well as over the summers, I plan to work as a Certified Nursing Assistant. I earned my CNA certificate through Cabot High School with the hopes of furthering my medical knowledge and working when possible to help graduate debt free. I also plan to volunteer and work other medical jobs, such as a medical scribe, to prepare me for medical school. I plan to utilize the opportunities given to me through my university to be involved in programs that provide healthcare to individuals in third-world countries. After college, I plan to attend medical school at UAMS and hope to become an OB-GYN practicing in Arkansas. I plan to demonstrate my love for Arkansas by remaining in-state after medical school. I want to give back to my community through medicine, and receiving the Jiffy Lube Scholarship will help me to do that!

