

What Drives You?

Everyone was placed on this earth for a purpose. I don't believe someone is just born and they simply exist. There has to be something more to life than existing. What makes life worth living? A passion, a goal, a dream, a burning desire. Something that makes you crawl out of bed in the morning and start your day. Mine is simple, I want to change the world. One day at a time.

My dream of changing the world started with my community. I was raised in North Tulsa, a predominantly African American community. I found a safe place full of understanding at my church on Greenwood. The more and more I got involved in my community, the more I saw oppression. There was a spark that ignited within me to make a difference in my community. I joined a club called Rhoer's which is a sisterhood that focuses on community service and giving back. I participated in community baby showers and volunteered at the foodbank. Rhoer's opened my eyes to a world that I didn't know existed. I became president in order to implement more change. This organization has allowed me to see the world in a different light.

As long as I can remember, I've had a dream of becoming a doctor. My purpose for helping others is what drives me. I am going to the University of Oklahoma to major in Computer Science Pre-Med. If you would have told me my passion for helping others would have led me to pursuing a degree in engineering I would tell you that you are insane. It's crazy to see how what drives you can push you into places you never thought you would see. I want to create a medical app or device that will help the masses. Growing up in a community that is predominantly African American, I've seen the impact of heart disease. The way it kills people who still have so much more life to live. I have a desire to create something that will help not just my family and community but the world. I hope to use what I've created to help my patients live long healthy lives.

Children, kids, teens are our future. My love for mentoring the future generations is something that drives me. I tutor three girls in Algebra 1. I don't know how I ended up tutoring math of all things. I hated math so much when I was younger but now I enjoy it. My love for math was fostered by the teachers who took the time to show me the underlying meaning behind math. Tutoring isn't just about math but it's about teaching these young girls to believe in themselves and to know that they can do anything they set their minds to. I have to remind them that they are capable of achieving anything that they want.

What drives me? My passion for changing the world by helping others. One day, one community, one person at a time. Everyone has a purpose that is the root of what drives them.