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What Drives You?

I am driven by my passion to help others and make a positive impact in other's lives. I aspire to be an Orthodontist that helps people love themselves and feel more confident. Orthodontists even help people's quality of live. When people are in pain it hurts me. Many people go through pain or depression just because of the way their jaw and teeth feel or look. I would work with people of all ages and help them become their best selves and happiest selves. One more thing that drives me is that you are constantly learning. The field and technologies change every day. You are constantly learning something new and getting smarter every day. Learning is a very important aspect of life that I plan on doing everyday for the rest of my life.

I personally know the difficulty of having to live with the teeth that are not the straightest. I have had very crooked and rough teeth in the past and would get made fun of because of them. Although my experience is not the saddest or most crazy out there, all the stories have something in common. It is that it makes you feel bad about yourself and bring your confidence down. You try to hide your teeth when you laugh or try not to smile because you don't want other people commenting of making fun of your teeth. I had the special opportunity to get braces in 5th grade. Every day since I stepped in the office it made me want to help people, just like how my orthodontist helped me.

Many people around me including my friends and family have all had similar experiences. It brings me so much joy when I see them gain confidence when they get their braces or Invisalign off. Just this past week my friend got her braces off. She had them for the longest time and as soon as she walked over to the lunch table, everybody commented on how great her teeth looked. It made me so happy to see her face light up with every complement that was made. Lastly, learning is something that gets me up in the morning. I have maintained a 4.0 GPA for the year I have been at East High. Every "A" I get makes me happier and think more positively of my future. Every day I learn something new, and it helps me strive to want more knowledge. Learning is a very important part of life and I have many years more of it. Just this past year I have learned so many new things about the world we live in. I learn with just being here and listening and watching the world around me. In Orthodontics you must do a lot of that. In the field of Dentistry there is a lot of school and competition. School is very expensive. My passion to help is what drives me.