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What Drives You Essay

From a young age I've been driven by the idea of making a meaningful impact on people's lives, and after one appointment at the doctor's office, I realized what that impact would be. I knew I had to become a doctor. Specifically, a gynecologist.

Six years ago, I had a terrible experience at the health office. Something was clearly wrong with me, and I was worried about the implications of this problem. Despite my anxiety, my gynecologist showed no signs of sympathy or care. Instead, it seemed like they just wanted me out of there as soon as possible so they could move on to the next person. It occurred to me that this is how a lot of health offices are run, and a passion ignited within me. I knew I had to become someone who would not only be able to help those in need by diagnosing problems accurately but by also providing the necessary emotional support that goes along with these challenging moments. What better way to pursue this career than to become a gynecologist myself, to be the dream person I wish would have been there for me when I needed it?

Throughout my educational journey, I've thought to myself, why stop there? I shouldn't only strive to become a knowledgeable and compassionate gynecologist, but also one that provides treatments to everyone. As I am a member of several marginalized communities, I know in my heart that I should give myself the tools I need to be able to have a broader scope of patients, such as Spanish-speaking individuals. This is what drives me. I knew I had to focus on my education, not only to just attain the best grades I can get to reach my goal, but to also focus on classes and activities such as learning a second language, Spanish, as well as cultural appreciation to gain knowledge of different cultural beliefs and practices that might impact how I integrate their healthcare in order to respect their views. Additionally, focusing on systemic inequality so that I may understand how it intersects with healthcare and how I could improve that issue in my career. This would allow me to be the model doctor I have always imagined. That is why I continuously fight to do the most I possibly can to gain the best opportunities in order to make it to medical school.

I aim to gain extensive knowledge throughout my education to become a gynecologist and use my future earnings to create access to support and education programs in this field. I plan to finance a program combining medical and psychological interventions to improve hospital experiences. Additionally, I hope to fund educational programs for gynecologists focused on cultural sensitivity, helping healthcare providers offer more empathetic, accessible, and effective care, ultimately improving patient experiences. Overall, my ambition to become the ideal gynecologist and ideas to create support programs in this field are what inspire me to keep going forward.