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What Drives You?

My dreams drive me. Some people say that having big dreams only sets you up for failure. I think that the bigger you dream the more you can achieve. My biggest dream is to become a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer. The potential of getting to wake up every day, get out of bed, and help people understand what is going on inside their body is thrilling to me. As a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer I would get to perform ultrasounds on people. I would get to be a doctor's eyes and ears. I would get to find tumors early, which could potentially save someone's life. I would get to help expecting mothers understand how their baby is developing. I would get to enlighten people on what is really happening in their body. When things don't go my way and my classes at school are difficult I think back to that dream. When I feel like there's no point in doing my best at school, I get motivation from that dream. When I feel like I'm not capable of doing anything significant in life I think about that dream. I think about the people who have gone through terrible pain who might finally get relief after I scan and see what's going on. I think about the mothers who are so excited to see their baby for the very first time. I would get to help those mothers experience that incredible moment.

My younger self also drives me. I think back to when I was younger and I wanted to do everything. I wanted to be a doctor, ballerina, firefighter, and nurse. I had big dreams even back then. Even though those dreams have changed I still want to have the spirit I had when I was little. I want to be unafraid to dream. I want to be ambitious. I want to have the confidence in myself to be able to do these things. Another reason my younger self drives me is because I don't want to let her down. I want to turn my dreams into reality for her. I want to prove to myself that I am capable of doing great things. I want to show myself that success is possible. I want to validate that having big dreams isn't a bad thing. I hope to demonstrate that it's not silly to be young and have huge aspirations. I am driven by the opportunity to prove these things. I am driven by the possibility of being a good example for other young people. I want to inspire others to reach their full potential and do things that not only benefit themselves but also others. I keep pushing through, I keep working hard, I keep growing, because of all these things. Big dreams require perseverance and hard work, but dreams are worth it. Dreams are worth all the sacrifice, bad days, tears, and challenges that it took to achieve them.