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Scholarship Essay

My post secondary plans after earning my bachelors degree in chemistry is to go to medical school to study and to become a pediatrician. Growing up I’ve always wanted to work with children no matter if it was at a school, a daycare, or at a hospital. After researching an Ob-Gyn I realized that they didn’t work with children as much as I wanted to, and children have a soft spot in my heart which is why I plan to pursue the career of becoming a pediatrician. After doing more research about pediatricians becoming a pediatrician became my top priority to work towards. Some of their skills are having basic listening, active, and critical thinking skills. Being a pediatrician means you have to be a good listener. If you don’t listen well and try to understand what’s going on with a patient then it will be hard to try and diagnose your patient and cure them. Most pedestrians have children so they understand a parent's pain to see their children not feeling well. By them being understanding and listening then the pediatrician will then gain confidence with the parent. A parents biggest fear is losing their child before themselves. By the pediatrician and the parent having a good relationship the parent will feel comfortable letting the doctor work with their child and not be afraid to speak up. After trying to find myself and find out what I’m good at, I believe that the best thing that I’m good at is listening. I say that because I will hold a conversation with anybody. It’s easy to listen to people when you want that other person to listen to you. In order to hold a conversation both of the people that are talking have to listen . Upon graduating medical school I will then begin my pediatric residency and once I finish my residency I will take my state board exams and begin practicing as a pediatrician. My main objective is to promote the importance of children’s health and for them to feel comfortable with talking about the problems they might be having. I have experienced the frightening stage of going to the doctor and I want children to feel comfortable.

The hospital should feel like a children’s safe place, where they know they will get treated better there and when their hospital space is coming to an end they know that their health is back to normal. Seeing my niece struggling with her condition of asthma has motivated me more to pursue the field of medicine and specializing in pediatrics. She is only 5 years old but when she is in pain you can tell because her whole mood changes. When she doesn’t speak up about her pain it caused me to realize how much children neglect expressing their health. Because of my past experiences, seeing my niece struggle with her condition of asthma, and having the knowledge that other children do not like talking about their health has motivated myself to pursue this field and make a lasting impact on future patients.