

This is an essay about life change. This is an essay about finally realizing what it is you are meant to do, and taking a chance to realize your dreams. This is an essay about my passion to become a dentist.

There were simply no words to describe my fear. A simple bicycle accident had landed me in the doctor's office to receive an occlusion for my badly broken jaw. In addition to the pain, discomfort, and life style restrictions, I was injured psychologically. I felt awkward and indifferent; I was barely able to smile through my disfigured jaw, let alone carry on a conversation. This difficult ordeal left me with a tremendous sense of understanding for oral injuries.

While in the early stages of deciding a career path, I chose to work as a research assistant with Dr. xxxx. My work with Dr. xxxx introduced me to a wide range of surgical procedures and greatly expanded my interest in the medical sciences. This solidified my decision to pursue a career in the healthcare profession allowing me to help others. To me this field offered amazing opportunities to really make a difference in this world and help serve my community. I had been introduced early on by family friends to the field of dentistry and had decided to inquire further.

In the natural progression of curiosity, I asked my dentist, Dr. xxxx to allow me to shadow with the goal of gaining an insight to this profession. This shadowing grew to a full time summer volunteer job as his dental assistant. While working alongside him, I witnessed a variety of dental procedures from the final stages of dental implants to amalgam fillings. In addition to learning much about the technical aspects of dentistry, I developed an appreciation for the care, respect, and personal attention with which Dr. xxxx treated each and every patient. The intrinsic rewards of this profession have stayed with me since and have fueled my passion.

When the experience came to an end, I felt ready to focus all my energy toward learning as much as I could about the field of dentistry. Understanding the academic excellence that the dental profession demanded I geared myself to achieve this. I worked hard at building a reputation of academic excellence balanced with community and peer assisting activities. I thrived by working with others and taking advantage of my open and friendly personality to initiate team work in the learning environment. Realizing the advantages of a group learning environment, a friend and I established the American Student Dental Association Chapter of xxxx University. I became the vice-president of the organization and sought to gain insight of dental specializations, preparation information on the DAT, and application support. I was able through this organization to gain valuable information about dental school and the lifelong pursuit of knowledge within a field. More importantly, I was able to give back to students who were in my shoes several years back.

The care given to me by medical personnel helped me to develop, at a very young age, a deep interest in helping others. As I grew and became interested in scientific studies, this desire pushed me toward the possibility of a career in dentistry. I was very fortunate to find a mentor willing to indulge my curiosity, and the time spent in the company of Dr. xxxx cemented my decision to pursue the study of dentistry. It is my personal goal to create an atmosphere of trust and friendship with those in need of my help. It is within this framework that I will serve others the best I can.

This is an essay about finally realizing what it is you are meant to do, and taking a chance to realize your dreams. This is an essay about my passion to become a dentist.

Although the path has no always been as clear as now, the closer I move toward actual dentistry, the more confidence I feel in the rightness of my decisions. Now I have direction: I will shine, become the best doctor I can be, provide the best dental care possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.