

June Nelson Essay

I grew up with a dad and a grandpa who did not go to college. They wanted the best for me, and college was always a part of that. Seeing their dreams for my future made me want to go to college. Not many people in my family have attained post-secondary education. I want to go to college for myself and the people around me, to improve society in the future. Specifically, I hope to become an elementary educator, to help the next generation of students learn and grow. I would feel a sense of pride and fulfillment in this career, and I know my family members would be equally proud.

Another person who has influenced my educational goals is my mom. My dad met my stepmom when I was about three years old. To me, she seemed like one of the smartest people I knew because she was always able to help me with my homework. She studies History at Marquette University and now works as the director of a local domestic violence shelter. I'm inspired by her dedication to her education, and by the important work she does every day. She often talks about the experiences she had at college and how they expanded her world. I dream of following in her footsteps and making a positive impact on my community.

My older sister has also inspired me to attend college. She is eight years older than I am, so I always looked up to her growing up. My sister has always been hardworking; you could tell if she wanted something she would go get it. She has the drive to accomplish big things. She is currently studying medicine part-time while also holding down a job. Whatever path I pursue, she supports and wants the best for me. She always encourages me to pursue education in spite of any challenges in life.

Last but not least, all of my teachers inspired me to attend university. They gained the skills to become excellent educators through their post-secondary studies. I feel supported when they share about their time at college and tell me that I am capable of following in their footsteps to become a teacher. Whenever I doubt myself, they always say they know I can do it. Seeing their sense of purpose and connection with students inspires me to go to college for teaching.