

As she turned away, I saw her sheer relief. Her baby was going to survive. I was only 12, when I first started thinking about becoming a doctor, and shadowed my aunt, she's a Neonatologist. I walked around the hospital with her all day, listening to patients' stories and seeing all of their tiny babies in the NICU. That experience made me think about how big of an impact I too could have on people's lives in the future. I remember seeing all of the premature babies and thinking about how critical she was to their futures. Since then, I've wanted to follow in her footsteps, helping families live healthy, happy lives. I've learned more and more about the medical field and the impact I can have on my society.

At a pop-up clinic, I was doing an ultrasound on a woman and was able to tell her she was having a baby in Spanish. I began seeking out opportunities to get into the medical field in high school and was accepted to an internship to go to Peru to shadow and assist doctors in a hospital in Cusco, Peru. I was able to be hands-on in a field that I am passionate and eager to learn about. It truly opened my eyes to the reality of our world, and how things like privilege, resourcefulness, and compassion shape medicine. I learned how I want to treat my patients and saw the differences between healthcare in different countries. We held a pop-up clinic in a small village where they don't typically have access to healthcare at all. Being able to make an impact on these peoples lives and healths has helped shape who I want to be as a physician. One of my goals as a physician is to travel and help communities in areas that don't have easy access to medicine. Seeing how people live in other countries has brought me a perspective I will consider when I become a practicing physician, making a difference in people's lives around the world. It opened my eyes to the reality of our world and gave me empathy for others.

I've always enjoyed pushing my brain in different directions, playing instruments, learning languages, and even doing math. I am so intrigued by science, more specifically, the human brain. When I started learning more about the brain and psychology I was able to connect so many of those things in my life. Learning more about the connections between those things and how our brains develop has inspired me to go into the medical field and learn more about neuroscience specifically in pediatrics. I have many goals for my future and my career, but ultimately, I aspire to be a physician. My goal is to work hard in school and in my career so I can help make an impact in other people's lives. I'm excited to push myself and continue to learn throughout my career in medicine. Medicine is exciting to me because I know I will always be doing something different, it's hands-on, and I will impact so many people. I also am so intrigued by the human body and science so I am excited to be entering a field surrounded by those things.

Impacting people's lives is a calling. Service to humanity is a necessity. Helping the fragile is critical. As a physician, my goal is to make an impact on our world. I hope to travel to less privileged areas and make medicine more accessible, help kids and their families live healthy lives, and continue learning in a field that is always evolving. Looking into my future, I know it won't always be glamorous and I will need to work hard to get where I want to be, and that's something that excites me. I will continue to push myself to succeed and learn throughout college and then medical school, because of my ambitious aspirations and goals. I know that all of my dedication and persistence will allow me to make a difference in people's lives, and that is my ultimate goal.