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“My Interests”

“One hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove... but the world may be a better place because I made a difference in the life of a child.” – Forest E. Witcraft. My goal in life is to change the world. I believe if you make a change in a child’s life, you have ameliorated the future. Children are our future, so it is only right to brighten it up. The first step in doing this is actually giving birth to a healthy bundle of joy. This is where my interests and future expertise will come in. It will be my responsibility to care for expecting mothers through prenatal education, treatment, and therapy so that they may have a healthy delivery.

I want to become an obstetrician/gynecologist. With a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a medical degree from John Hopkins Medical School, I will be one of the best! It is my ideal career to care for women during one of the most important periods of their life, pregnancy. Initially, I want to make my mark in a hospital. Once I obtain several years of experience, I will open my own women and children’s center in my hometown. Quincy, FL is a rural city with limited medical resources. Last year, I participated in our annual community baby shower. Attending this event really opened my eyes to how many women in the community were in need of the basic necessities to care for their children such as infant clothing and diapers. I want to change this. I want to build my women and children’s center to provide all of these things for my community and those similar. I aspire to produce a place for women to deliver their children that is within their proximities. Not only would my center provide medical care and education but psychological care and education as well. Through therapy and counseling, I will assist women to cope with the stresses of motherhood, providing for a family, and various disorder such postpartum depression.

Women and children influence and enhance the world around them more than anyone else. Without them, the earth would not spin on its axis just right. Therefore, with the education I will obtain, I want to make sure women and children are in their best health.. I believe those who come from rural communities should have the same level of care as those from urban communities. For this reason, I am on a mission to make a difference in disadvantaged communities so that I may change the world. By giving them a place to receive the best prenatal and postnatal care, I will be able to say I had a hand in changing the world!