

I grew up in a health science related family. Both of my parents have worked at Evangelical Community Hospital since they graduated from college. I always remember hearing stories from my parents about how they helped improve their patients' quality of life. Since then, my life goal was to follow my parents' footsteps into the medical field, as they have been my role models throughout my life thus far.

Throughout my high school career, I knew I wanted to go into the medical field, but didn't know exactly what career to choose. I dedicated my time to school, sports, and community service. I have developed goals in each of these three areas and wanted to perform to my highest potential. As time progressed, I developed better habits and everything started to fall into place. I emerged from a timid teenager and started living life to its fullest as a young adult. I formed many rewarding friendships throughout my time in high school. With the numerous new friendships that emerged, there was one particular friendship that made a profound impact on my life. This specific friend is in a wheelchair and quite visibly smaller than the rest of the high schoolers. After a brief period of time, we became close friends. I learned that he has a rare disease. His disease's scientific name is *Osteogenesis Imperfecta*, meaning he has a fragile bone disease. After reading and learning more about this disease, I felt complete sympathy for him as he will always be smaller than the rest of us, will spend the majority of the time in a wheelchair, and must always be extremely careful with each and every action that he makes. I have become unbelievably close to this friend and started spending more time with him. He wants to experience everything that a normal teenager would do, but has a vast amount of limitations. I try to help him safely experience as much as I can. I don't treat him any differently from anyone else. I frequently stay over at his home and enjoy spending time with him and his family. We have traveled out of state together on vacation and went to professional ice hockey and football games together. We spend time at my family's cabin and enjoy fishing together whenever possible. I escort him to classes, drive him to therapy, take him to high school sporting events and a multitude of many other activities. Since my freshman year (2016-2017), we have developed an unbreakable bond and will be lifelong friends.

Over the past 2 years, I have realized that many of my natural traits and abilities have led me to the field of nursing. As with helping my friend with a disability, I have always been eager to lend a hand to my parents, grandparents, and other family members. I have also enjoyed assisting with elementary sports practices and camps by trying to be a good mentor and role model. As a eighteen-year-old male, I have realized that many of my peers do not share these same traits and abilities. Many people tend to walk away or ignore someone who needs help. I enjoy being active and love the feeling I get from being helpful. I feel these traits have destined me to have a successful and rewarding career in nursing.

Community service is a major part of my life as I love assisting others with any deed or task. I have assisted with Operation Christmas Child (August 2016-Present), which consists of obtaining supplies, wrapping and shipping shoeboxes to children in need. I have also worked at Legion Post 504 (August 2017- Present) creating care packages for soldiers. Next, I have volunteered at Emmanuel Lutheran Church (February 2002- Present), assisting with the position of acolyte/communion assistant and with the preparation of weekly bulletins for church services.

While in school, I have also been involved in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) since my freshman year (August 2016- Present) have attended and participated in leadership conferences. While attending high school, I joined ski club (August 2017- Present) and function as an instructor supporting fellow students. During my breaks with school and sports I have also volunteered at Bethesda Missions in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (August 2016- Present) by providing food, supplies, and clothing to the needy/homeless. Finally, I completed Evangelical Community Hospital Internship Program (June 2019- July 2019). During this internship, I gained outstanding experience while in different settings and observed many possible career paths to pursue in the medical field. I gained 80 volunteer hours, received my CPR certification, and was able to observe in five different nursing units within the hospital.

My major achievements were making honor roll/distinguished honor roll every marking period in high school thus far. In my sophomore year (2018-2019), I was inducted into the National Honor Society. Next, I was Line Mountain's Class Secretary of 2020 from August 2016 to May 2017. Besides school activities, I am also an athlete where I participate in baseball and wrestling. My baseball career has consisted of obtaining two varsity letters my sophomore year (2017-2018) and junior year (2018-2019) while I'm hoping on obtaining my third, during this senior season (2019-2020). I was also awarded Line Mountain High School baseball outstanding defensive player of the year during my freshman season (2016-2017). I have also achieved many accomplishments in wrestling. I have been a two-time Pennsylvania Southern Sectional champion (2017-2018 and 2018-2019) along with a sectional runner-up my senior season (2019-2020). For Pennsylvania District 4 wrestling I have placed fifth both sophomore and junior seasons (2017-2018 and 2018-2019) and fourth my senior season (2019-2020). In Pennsylvania Northeast Regional, I have placed fourth (2017-2018 and 2019-2020) and sixth (2018-2019). My greatest wrestling achievement occurred during my sophomore and senior seasons (2017-2018 and 2019-2020) when I became a two-time Pennsylvania PIAA State Qualifier. Finally, I was elected Line Mountain's wrestling team captain my junior and senior seasons (2018-2019 and 2019-2020). Finally, I most recently achieved my goal of obtaining 100 career wins and becoming the 25th person to ever achieve this feat at Line Mountain High School.

While completing my community service, high school achievements and attending the Evangelical Community Hospital internship program, I came to the conclusion that going to college to become a registered nurse was my calling in life. Completing the internship program was the greatest factor in choosing my direction in life. In each of the areas I was observing, I was impressed by the teamwork and compassion that was shown by the staff and was amazed at how I was included as part of the team. I feel I would be a great nurse as I have the personality and necessary traits to be successful in this field. I have always enjoyed assisting others in need. I have determined that some of my best traits are my personality, compassion for others and my ability to get along with almost anyone. With these traits, I can see myself being a major asset in this field. I have always found pleasure in making others smile and helping people.

Finally, I feel that by completing a BSN program and becoming a registered nurse, I will be able to assist others in need. I will be able to help both the community and the facility where I

become employed. Afterall, I have found the career that will best suit me and I will hopefully be able to have a major impact on my future patients' lives.

