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Your Microscope

Nomatter how we choose to perceive them, at the end of the day, problems are problems. We may not be able to change those problems, or solve them right away, but we can always change how we look at them. Life is about perspective, and the way you choose to look at the specimen you are provided with through your own lens.

Growing up, mathematics was never my subject. English however, I instantly fell in love with and never struggled with it. Since the English subject came easy to me, I resorted to wanting to be a writer because I never thought I had what it took to achieve my dream job of being a physician. I have always enjoyed science, but wasn't the best at it. However, when I got accepted into the Sophie Davis Program of Biomedical Education at City College, my dream of being a physician became a reality.

My interest in science became more prevalent in High School, and as I questioned the way the world worked and why it did, science became more intriguing to me. Unlike math, there isn't always a definite answer in science. It allows your curiosity to flow, and creates more questions with every potential result it holds. Throughout High School, science is what helped me strengthen my writing skills because it helped me understand how to think more critically. It taught me to question everything that came my way, and helped me understand that the subject is

more than just facts and information, and that it is about learning how to perceive the results of life in different ways.

My interest in science was at its highest peak when I won first place in my school's science fair for the second time. I won first place for the first time after I completed an individual project, but then tried to challenge myself by working with a partner for my project in the following year. This was challenging for me because I was never good at collaborating with others. The second project that earned first place was one I enjoyed more because I was able to influence the ideas students had about the cons of smoking and vaping. At first I thought nobody would be of interest because of the amount of research I was presenting, but once I was able to capture people's attention with a clay model of the brain and of coagulants in the blood, I had an audience. I learned how to become creative when sharing scientific information, and also learned that people are more willing to listen to you if you can connect your research to them or their personal lives.

Science has allowed me to think in my own way, without being criticized for being wrong because in order to be proven wrong, I had to learn how to create my own theories, based off what I believed. The idea of learning about the natural and physical world by questioning in your own way excited me. My passion for science, medicine and helping people eventually began to dominate my thoughts and becoming a doctor was all I wanted to focus on. My goal is to work in the field of emergency pediatrics outside of the United States. This is a life goal that will take me seven years to ten years to accomplish, and is a journey that I will struggle to walk through. However, no matter how many issues life may have, it is all about perspective, but the way you choose to adjust your microscope is what changes everything.