

The Future

As I look toward my future, I foresee myself pursuing a career in nursing, more specifically as a pediatric neurology certified nurse practitioner. From a young age, I have always found myself helping and caring for others, and what quickly became a habit of love has now become the career I hope to pursue. During the past four years of high school, I have been granted the opportunity to attend Harford Technical High School and be accepted into the nursing program. From freshman to senior year, I have built a strong foundation of knowledge and skills in the fundamentals of nursing, recently obtaining my CNA license and BLS certification. With these accomplishments, I am currently on track to obtaining my GNA and CCMA by the end of this year.

The past two years at Harford Tech have confirmed that this is the route and career I wish to pursue. Junior year, we had the opportunity to work with students with disabilities at our neighboring school, Harford Academy. During our rotation, each student was assigned a classroom where we assisted students in their learning environment. Eventually, we were required to teach a lesson to the class. During my time at Harford Academy, I worked with a preschool class, which has been one of the highlights of my high school experience. Working with younger children has always brought me pure joy. Beyond academics, I enjoy babysitting and volunteering my time to assist and teach younger dancers at my dance studio, Rage Box Dance Center. Over the years, I have seen how naturally children gravitate toward me, which is one of the reasons I want to specialize in pediatrics.

Beyond Harford Academy, earlier this year we completed a clinical rotation at Lorien Nursing Home in Bel Air. Through this experience, I not only witnessed firsthand some of the challenges that come with nursing, but I also experienced the responsibilities and demands required of a nurse. This included assisting with daily hygiene, changing linens, providing bed baths, morning care, and feeding residents. Through this experience, I learned a great deal about myself and left the nursing home with a very full heart. Building relationships with the residents showed me what nursing is truly about. While the physical demands can be tedious and challenging at times, the residents were so grateful for our presence and care, which made it all worthwhile. Seeing the light in their faces after care was provided became one of the joys I looked forward to each time I returned. That feeling of warmth is something I have come to cherish and hope to experience throughout my future career. As a future pediatric neurology certified nurse practitioner, I want to make a meaningful difference in someone's life. I want to be the kind of nurse who not only provides effective and safe care, but also offers comfort and advocates for patients and their families.

While nursing is my primary goal, I also plan to continue pursuing dance and modeling. Dance has always been a part of my life, and although nursing remains my top focus, dance is something I am equally passionate about. Eventually, I hope to become a commercial or tour dancer. While those are big dreams, I believe they are very possible. From a young age, I have learned how to balance a demanding schedule, which has strengthened my time management skills. Dance has taught me discipline, the importance of teamwork, and helped me discover who I am both as an artist and as a person. Modeling, on the other hand, has gradually built my confidence. All of these traits play a significant role in the healthcare field and are qualities I

intend to uphold throughout my career.

Ultimately, the future holds many opportunities for me. However, I know my heart is set on the field of nursing. My love for helping others and working with children creates the perfect combination for where I see myself years from now. I want to be the nurse who makes a difference in someone's life — someone patients can trust to support and advocate for their needs. Through continuous education and dedication to the field of healthcare, I believe I will accomplish my goals, as I have not failed myself yet.