

Personal statement

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As college continues and my classes become increasingly challenging, my dreams for the future are becoming far more real and refined. I have always wanted to work as a veterinarian, helping people and their pets alike. Of course, I know that achieving this goal is no easy task, and I have many other goals to accomplish along the way.

I plan to earn a bachelor's degree in either biology or pre-veterinary sciences. I would also like to work toward a minor in business or management, so that someday I may be able to operate my own clinic. I have already begun to spend time working with animals, and figuring out what a future in animal care might look like. I spent eight months last year working for Carlin Aquatic Systems, taking care of everything from a 10-gallon betta tank to an 8,000-gallon reef tank. I have also delved into the topic on my own, I have had bettas, bristle nose plecos, and otocinclus catfish, I've bred guppies, had several box turtles, and even kept eastern red spotted newts at one point. All of this work which I have done has led me more and more towards wanting to continue working with animals indefinitely. Whether that is as an ichthyological veterinarian, or any other sort, I'm not yet sure. But for now I will keep working towards the goal I have set.

While academic and professional success is very important to me. The most important thing in my life is my devotion to Christ. As I am working my way through college, grad school, and eventually the work force, I hope to continue to spread the gospel both locally and abroad, by working with groups such as Pathway Dominicano, which does mission trips to the Dominican Republic to provide food and to spread the gospel, The One Church Organization, who is working on uniting the church and its branches, and Orchard Hills Church, who is working on spreading the word locally. While I plan to push forward in the sciences, I also plan to use that knowledge as a way to grow in faith and knowledge of the savior.

Finally, I hope to one day have a family. I believe that God has called all people to have a family in one manner or another, and I hope that someday I will fulfill that calling with a wife and kids of my own whom I may bring up in the faith and raise to be successful and strong. However, if that isn't the kind of family that God has called me to have, I hope to find opportunities to serve and mentor those new in the faith.