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Life After ODU

Life after college, where you truly separate from the lifestyle you've been living and move on into complete adulthood. It is an extremely scary part of life that a lot of people have to go through. Having to find what one wants to do and also find a proper job that fits into their desires. I have been thinking and discussing this for a while, even before entering the University of Old Dominion. After searching long and hard for the path that is right for me, I came across radiology. Radiology not only piqued my interest but also brought me into the world of medical science, where I attend to continue exploring by furthering my education at a Medical School.

I grew up participating in many sports, and it is sad to say that I also came across many injuries during my time. From small sprains to ligament tears, but during these times of misfortune, I was surrounded by lots of trainers and doctors and found a lot of interest in their work. Getting X-Rays done and talking about certain injuries, even if they were mine. While I was playing sports, one of my teammates' fathers was a doctor and a surgeon whom I talked to many times about what he does, and he even was the one who operated on me. My father was sick and had many medical difficulties that led to his passing. I always felt helpless growing up. This gave me the drive to not only pursue the medical field but also do it with everything I had so I would never feel helpless like that again. This drive separates me from other people because I don't do it only for the pay but for a much deeper purpose.

I always wanted a respectable job, and also a stable one that would allow me to still have the opportunities to spend time with my family, and radiology gives me the best of both worlds. As I am still only a sophomore in college, I haven't done many internships nor had much time before to participate in community service, but this summer I have opportunities lined up to have a more in-depth experience with the medical field. With these opportunities, I will be able to understand more about not only the medical field that I would intern in but also how much I enjoy what it is. Speaking with a Doctor, he gave me the advice to do internships that are not in the particular field I plan to have a career with since I would be doing it the rest of my life. So, I plan to apply this philosophy over the summer, but also get some experience in radiology. I can take all the different things I learned from different medical jobs to advance my work. I hope that I will be able to apply what I learn from school and also from my future internships into my career path.

From life around the medical field to the education received from Old Dominion University to possibly medical school, to even internship opportunities, I will apply these to become a Radiologist. With this job, I will be able to feel accomplished and no longer helpless. I have the drive to pursue this difficult path and also genuinely enjoy the work that comes along with it. With my experience and passion, this career is achievable. My life after college will be filled with more school and work and experiences in radiology or another path within the medical field.