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Personal Statement

From a young age, I was always told what to do, where to go, what to be, and that what I wanted, did not matter. I was raised by African parents who instilled their beliefs that a woman should be at home caring for the children and the house. I knew I wanted more for my life and rebelled against my parent's belief and took interest in the medical field. I began watching medical documentaries, shows and live surgeries to familiarize myself with medical terminology and procedures. I informed my parents that I had a passion for medicine and wanted to be a doctor. To my surprise, they were supportive of my decision and encouraged me to pursue my dream.

When I was in the 11th grade, I attended a medical seminar at Old Dominion University where I was able to observe and manipulate cadavers and listen to lectures from doctors, medical professors, and medical students. My interest in medicine reached a peak and I knew that this was the path I wanted to take. I talked to many doctors about their experience before, during and after medical school and asked for any advice that could benefit me on my path.

I decided to apply for Old Dominion University, and about a month later, I received my acceptance letter from them. I am now enrolled as a full-time student at Old Dominion University majoring in biomedical science with an emphasis in pre-health in hopes of pursuing a medical career. I believe that my calling is to be a gynecologist and obstetrician. I want to advocate for women's health and eventually open my own practice that is affordable for women

and babies who are underprivileged and in need assistance and basic necessities for women's health and pregnancy.

In conclusion, I am appreciative that my parents have broken the social stigma and allowed me to pursue my calling. I can do all things through God because he will never put me through something I cannot handle. I know that I will be another successful black woman in America and in the end, I will make a difference in medicine and women's health. I am proud to embark on this journey and am privileged to be able to pursue my calling.