

## Why I Want to Go to College

"I came to the United States of America to give you a better future", I remember my mom telling me. The opportunities for immigrants are limited for not being born here or having papers. Listening to my mom's life experiences are proof to me that I should strive for a better life. She started working at an early age and had to give up her education. My parents had to work hard for what they have now. When I'm older I would like to have the opportunity to have a good life in the future with a good job, a family, and a house. I want to give stability to my future family/kids and be able to provide basic needs as well as help others in need.

My dad has a special place in my heart and always will. My dad is a pre-diabetic and has to take many medicines. It makes me sad to see him inject himself with insulin. I always ask, "Why don't you go to the doctor?" He refuses and says, "There's no reason to go" or "I'll be okay." Although I know he isn't well. It's very expensive and he gets paid a low amount as a construction worker. This makes me realize that education is important so I can get a good job to afford any health needs when needed instead of suffering and making excuses.

My mom is one of those people that puts others before her, nice, caring, thoughtful. To me she is one of my biggest inspirations. She is also sick taking about seven pills a day, but she acts happy just like my dad. She gave up her studies to work hard for her family, even as a girl she was more like the income of her house. She worked hard everyday. She always told me that she never had a childhood, she is the oldest of her family. Which meant she had to take care of her other siblings. It makes me want to be like her, determined, hard working, independent so that I can provide for my family. This reminds me that education is important because it will help me become a great person in life and get a better future to be able to stabilize my family.

Ms Erica Peterson has had a big impact on my future dream as well. She has inspired me the most of what I want to be when I grow up. She always has a positive attitude with others and treats them well. She has shown me how important it is to be nice to others and how it can impact them. I want to be someone's inspiration. This reminds me of my little sister, she always says, "Marian, I want to be like you when I grow up." And that makes me proud to know that my hard work is starting to pay off. This reminds me of how important education can be and how it can impact my future and the benefits it can bring. Also by providing me skills that will be helpful in the future like lifetime skills.

Looking back to the sacrifices my parents made, I now realize how important education is because instead of giving everything up I can continue and keep on succeeding in my future. I want my parents to feel proud and say, "You're a great woman". It reminds me to keep on pushing and always giving my best and never give up, because one day I'll be the person others will look up to.