Ortho Student

Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution or experience that is important to you. What about this quality or accomplishment makes you proud and how does it relate to the person you are?

The sun seeped through the cracks of the blinds in my bedroom and radiated a warming sensation on my face. Enervated, I struggled to open my eyes as I pulled on my uniform. I was nervous. I was overwrought. I was inquisitive. These were the emotions that ranged the morning of the first day of my internship. At the Orthopaedic Hospital in Southern California, I worked in the Urgent Care facility. It was a privilege to be granted acceptance into this profound establishment. Never would I have envisioned spending my summer volunteering in a realm surrounded by children with broken bones and disorders, as opposed to spending everyday getting kissed by the sun as cascades of pungent water crash against my body.

As I entered the hospital I was catechized by my employer. Flabbergasted as I met my coworkers and received my first task, I immediately went to work. I began importing documents into the Electronic Medical Record system. I knew that my duties could significantly impact the financial future of the hospital, as well as impact the lives of young children. As time elapsed, I began receiving more crucial duties. I shadowed resident doctors, registered nurses, x-ray technicians and cast technicians. Working with the children was undoubtedly my favorite aspect of the job.

My ultimate goal is to help individuals in need of care, no matter their ethnicity or financial status and this field offers an excellent window to reach out to those in need. Surrounded by children of diverse backgrounds and situations, I was placed in an environment which enabled my passion for helping others to spark. The medical field needs individuals like me who are not afraid to surpass boundaries in order to get something done. I am dedicated, enthusiastic and dependable. Words cannot fully describe the immense joy it was to see the children’s faces lit up with gratitude because I helped them in a traumatizing experience. The skills I gained in this establishment made me proud of the mature woman I have become.