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Intended Major/Field of Study:	Biology with a concentration in chemistry
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Community Service and/or Extra Curricular Activities (if any):	Many various clubs and community service hours
Honors and Awards (if any):	National honor society Kitty hawk honor society National honor society for dance arts
Please list below the names and amounts of any grants or scholarships you have been awarded for the coming school year: Name of Award: Amount: Granted/Pending:	
Please share your educational and career goals/aspirations and how you plan to move toward greatness:	I have known since I was a child that I wanted to be a doctor. After a life-threatening injury when I was younger, I stumbled upon what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I distinctly remember opening my eyes to a nurse rubbing what little hair I had left after my brain surgery, and telling me that everything was going to be alright. Everyone seemed to move around with such

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purpose and grace. It amazed me how these people could save a human life and then just go and get lunch, as though it wasn't as big of a deal as it really was. Watching these people rush around helping others and saving lives awoke something in my heart that gave me a passion to do the same. As I was growing up, I didn't have the normal childlike obsession with superheroes like Superman or Batman, but instead I was obsessed with the real-life heroes who saved lives right before our eyes.

I truly don't believe that medical staff get the recognition that they so righteously deserve. It wasn't until the Coronavirus pandemic that people really started to see how much weight health care workers carry, and how big of a toll it could take on a person.

Although these people perform superhuman acts they are indeed still nothing but human. Watching these medical professionals risk their health and safety, sacrifice time with their loved ones, and spend countless hours working, all to save everyone else's loved ones has really inspired me. I want nothing more than to help those around me. I want to be able to be part of the reason that someone gets to go home to their families healthy. The pandemic has done nothing but stress this desire in me to be able to help those in need.

I was unsure of exactly what type of doctor I wanted to be for a while. At first I thought I wanted to be a Neurosurgeon because of my accident, then I thought maybe a general surgeon as that would leave me with a pretty wide job description, but I never really felt connected to either of those professions. It wasn't until a very tragic event in my family happened, that I realized what I wanted to do. Seeing first hand what the loss of a baby does to a family/community does, I realized that I wanted to do everything in my power possible to prevent

anyone from having to feel like that ever again. I want to be able to spot and help correct any abnormalities in fetal development. I want to help those struggling with being able to have children. I want to be able to help correct any problems that a fetus has while they're still in utero to help maximize their chance at life. I want parents to be able to take their children home, instead of an empty car seat. I aim for every parent to be able to complain about how much their infant cries at night, instead of sobbing at how eerily quiet the silence of the supposed nursery is.

The community I've lived in my entire life is severely lacking in medical care/attention, especially in the obstetrics area. The closest well known clinic or urgent care near where I live is about a 10 to 15 minute car ride away and is almost always overflowing with patients and understaffed. The urgent care that I am speaking of doesn't even offer many services in the gynecological area. I believe all they offer there are pregnancy tests, Std tests, and treatment for very minor issues. The closest hospital to where I live is about a 25-30 minute car drive away. This hospital is also severely underdeveloped in obstetrics. They offer basic pre and postnatal visits and some other services. If there is a problem discovered with a fetus then the parents are sent to surrounding cities, which can be anywhere from a 1 to a 5 hour car drive. I think this is absolutely infuriating. A lot of people don't have the means to be able to afford or travel to get the care they so desperately need. I want to help my community by being

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able to provide obstetric services in communities that desperately need them.

My education is incredibly important to me and I want nothing more than to continue it. I hope to one day become an obstetrician and help give back to the community who raised me. I want my field of study (Health Science) to come into play in my contributions to my neighborhood. My community has a need that I can help fill. I want my community to flourish in ways that it should've been before.