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Education has the Power to Create a Difference

Education leads to endless possibilities. I believe in the power of education and the endless possibilities knowledge leads to. Education opens many doors to people. Increasing the knowledge of a population can help find cures for diseases, solutions for everyday problems, create advanced technology and help others in need. People can help others and save lives with new solutions and technologies. By establishing confidence in people, improving medical technology and escalating happiness in human beings, knowledge has the power to make the world a better place.

Education develops higher values and confidence in a person. Overall, education inspires people to strive to get out of the tough struggles. Life is not always easy, but when I carry greater knowledge within myself I can get through life much easier. A few months ago, I had to fight one of my toughest battles to keep striving and moving forward while going to college full time. As I lay there on a small, white, very thin mattress hospital bed my hope seemed so far gone, casted away in darkness alone. A young child of only four years old screamed next door of a 102 fever; nurses rushed around trying to make her comfortable as possible. She was in so much pain; she could not comprehend anything but fear. I know how she felt at this moment. Every part of my body felt like a sharply freshened blade of a knife stabbed me repeatedly. My fever rose at 103, giving me the most uncomfortable chills and making me so weak I cannot take a step

without collapsing to the ground. This was the second hospital stay and four ER visit in the past few months.

Frustration, tears, and hopelessness crowded my struggling brain throughout these days. I had never been this ill in my life, never had to struggle to catch a breath and stay on my feet. The lights were dim in the room to help my pounding migraine; my stomach growled angrily, but I was too weak to even swallow water. Nurses came in every two hours to keep me updated on my medicines to make me semi-comfortable. The educated nurses gave me confidence in their abilities to not let me die. This first-hand experience taught me people with knowledge have more confidence to take care of each other or any situation. When a crisis arises, the individual with knowledge has the mental capability to handle the pressure, resulting in a better outcome.

With the confidence from successful outcomes, research and monetary revenues have soared into the medical field. Medical technology has already made the world a better place. Bloodletting is a practice that was put aside as knowledge of the human body became more readily available to practicing physicians. Hippocrates' idea of the human body being filled with the four basic substances was replaced with modern research. Bloodletting now is used only for rare illnesses. Advances such as x-rays, MRIs, and transplants have all been possible because of knowledge gained through education. Vaccines and antibiotics have almost made incurable diseases a thing of the past. Molecular biology and biotechnology gain knowledge daily on ways to prevent, diagnose, and treat diseases.

Without the technical advances in the medical field, there would be no progress to help cure sickness in people. When I was extremely ill, I had multiple unfavorable reactions to certain medicines, which would cause my lungs to struggle to catch one breath alone. There was always a risk with each medicine injected of a bad reaction. One medicine drove me so far into

depression, I did not know who I was anymore, but the medicine was helping the pain and decreasing the swelling so I could breathe. The depression engulfed my brain; I could not see the light out of the widespread darkness. With more knowledge in the medical field, less reactions to medicines would occur. Expanded knowledge will upgrade medicines and be able to create new, improved medicines.

Doctors will be able to identify new sicknesses and care for the patients more efficiently. People can bring together many new ideas to develop more effective creations to aid others. An expansion of knowledge would offer improved medical practices and overall lessen sickness in populations. Also, doctors could provide more care for poverty-stricken areas. My dream has been to help other human beings. With increased knowledge, my dream has a greater chance of being realized. Nelson Mandela, a respected former South African President, believed in education and life-long learning. He was inspiration for people in education and civil rights. Nelson Mandela expressed his belief: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to improve the world" (Comme 86). It is a weapon used for the better in the sense of improving lives. Knowledge leads to endless possibilities and gives the power to be my very best self in this world will continue to motivate me. This hope of a better world is what creates happiness in humans. Education urges me to keep going with hope of a brighter future.

Without hope in betterment, humans would be miserable. Without knowledge in healthcare, the world's overall hygiene and cure rate in the population would deplete. Without the medical knowledge available today, I know I would have died. I had gotten morbidly sick with a rare syndrome and looked like a green, half-dead goblin trying to move. As if that was not terrifying enough, I sounded like a grumbling monster trying to speak. Searching for an answer or a reason for my illness, I was in and out of multiple hospitals leaving each doctor more and

more stumped. Tears would stream across my face like a never-ending waterfall every time I heard the news of the unknown. Then suddenly as if a firefly led me out of the darkest, deepest forest, my tossing and turning would give me new hope. Finally, a medical specialist knew what syndrome I had and how to cure me. He knew how to end the constant pain and tears shed. With the educated doctors and nurses helping me along the way, I was finally cured. Today feels like a new revelation. I am so thankful to continue to strive towards my goals. My struggle was long, but with more educated doctors and knowledge in the medical field, people could seek help sooner before it is too late. The experience I had was a frightening one and expanded my motive to help people. In those hospitals, I was so helpless and unable to do much. This feeling acted like a catalyst to my desire for helping others. Education is a way to improve ourselves to help others in need.

Overall, education has the power to make a difference in individual's lives, inspiring people like myself to keep striving forward through tough times. Also, higher education in the medical field leads to more improved medicines and an elevated cure rate. With more knowledge in the medical field, people can be saved or cured quickly. Eventually, I was diagnosed with PFAPA; a rare syndrome which has periodic fever, aphthous stomatitis, pharyngitis and adenitis. Without the knowledge of this one doctor, I would not be able to do what I love today. I believe the power of education leads to endless opportunities that can create a better life for all living in the world.

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