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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

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I am a passionate 26-year-old striving to further my career in medicine. Raised in the Philadelphia area, I had no family background in medicine, but demonstrated an interest from a very young age. A near-drowning at the age of four may have been the catalyst for this fascination, but the years of learning and devotion that followed gave it an identity of its own.

Working as an Emergency Medical Technician in a high-volume, urban environment has allowed me to truly gauge if this is how I want to spend the rest of my life. The enjoyment of my job has given me a hunger to increase my knowledge and skills in medicine. I have always been one to strive for the next challenge or opportunity and working as a physician will allow me to increase my scope of practice and ability to care for patients.

As an EMT, I have also been able to interact with and care for some of the most disadvantaged members of society, which has proven itself to be both challenging and rewarding. My faith in Christ is central to my desire to treat all individuals with love and grace and helps inform my decision-making and behavior when confronted with difficult patients or undesirable situations. Growth in these circumstances has helped me become a more compassionate healthcare provider and person.

I have had many opportunities to prove and improve my leadership and educational skills over the years. As a Field Training Officer, I have taught and mentored over two dozen new EMTs through rigorous three-month field internships, helping them become successful independent providers. Educationally, I am an instructor in numerous subspecialties of pre-hospital care and have participated in many local and national training courses to further my own skills and the skills of those I am entrusted to teach.

While I have always had a fascination with medicine, I chose to pursue a bachelor's degree in music. My musical coursework developed my skill of active listening, which I had identified as a weakness of mine. I also grew as a team member and leader by performing in and conducting musical ensembles. These skills prove useful during interactions with patients and fellow providers. I am currently back in school while working full time, continuing to strengthen my knowledge of physiology and medicine.

My travels to over 30 countries have increased my appreciation for many different cultures and traditions. I put this to use in many patient encounters and trust it will serve me well in further healthcare experiences. As a first generation American, my Armenian heritage continues to help me connect with people who see themselves as outsiders to a hospital or healthcare provider.

My varied experiences contribute to my growth as person and future physician and enable me to effectively operate in today's multi-faceted healthcare system. Forever grateful for what I have learned thus far, I am eager to begin this next chapter of my life.