

When I graduate college I hope to make the world a better place. Please discuss how you would do so.

Ever since I was twelve years old I have wanted to give a voice to the voiceless. I have envisioned my chosen career path through a defense lawyer. A defense lawyer is a leader, who is able to stand up in front of a room and fight for someone with everything that they have. I specifically want to work with kids who are in and out of the system because I believe that they can be saved. Over the summer I had the opportunity to tour the Fairfax Jail with a summer program. During the tour I was able to sit in on a court hearing for an 18 year old boy who was facing felony charges for statutory burglary. As I sat there, a part of me went into shock. I couldn't believe the life that was being wasted sitting inside a room. I specifically want to establish an organization that mentors, tutors, and guides troubled kids and help develop them as a person.

I believe that I will be successful in this career because it is beyond personal for me. Ever since I can remember my mother has been a single-mom who put herself through nursing school and took care of two children. Over the years I have been faced with challenges. People I knew were expecting me to fail and succumb to the stereotypes of females that were raised by a single-mom's. Luckily, for me I was able to create a support network around me. However, those moments of temptation during my lowest moments have taught me to value people and to value life. *Life* comes with choices and opportunities, it comes with circumstances, obstacles, smiles and memories. Making the world a better place for me is changing the struggles that were once mine and then going above and beyond. I am motivated to help these kids because I believe that their success will be fruitful. There are a lot of kids who are challenged in their settings, surroundings and situations. These same kids need a second chance and they need to be given not only a voice but also the instruments to become successful in their future chosen career path. At the foundation of making a world a better place lies investing in the people. Human beings are at the core of society and giving

them a second chance will be valuing their lives and their ability to make a difference. I cannot wait to enter the world and save souls because who knows the kid that I help get a second chance can also save souls by creating the cure for cancer, HIV or maybe one day go on to give someone else a second chance because life is a cycle in more ways than one.