

## This I Believe

This I believe in the people of our nation, as we rise to exceed the standards of our ancestors. To relinquish the dirty aprons, go-go boots, and spatulas for a pressed white lab coat, cold stethoscope, and folded scrubs. Cold hospital halls and long nights on call will ensure the stability and passion that is unfamiliar to the descendants of the Bell family. This I believe is the step toward upward mobility that is needed to reach posterity.

While the direct line of occupations each individual held is not particularly known, the idea of bettering the generations to come by doing what one loves every single day is what I believe is the best legacy to leave behind. I believe in breaking the molds, chains, and ties that lead to failure as expressing ones true passion through work could never result in failure, but in a success that is unobtainable through income, social class, and material. Because is living a mediocre lifestyle really living in the first place? I refuse to be the one who goes to work everyday simply just to get the job done in return for an income. I want to be the one who is ecstatic for tomorrow's adventures and mysteries. This I believe is one of the most important ways to obtain a life full of sincere happiness, love, and passion.

Could you imagine doing the things you love everyday or would you rather work a regular ol' boring job that pays well? I guess it is a simple matter of what is more important to the individual, money or happiness? Some may say money is the answer to all, but taking a step back and looking at my own life, I see a variety of things that money cannot buy. While it's quite ironic to call it things when in fact they are not things at all. This I believe are pure aspects of life such as family, true love, and devotion to God that cannot be valued or even compared to money in any form.

As many any of us are entering a new chapter in our lives by attending college and taking the necessary measures to better our lives why not make the decision to take our natural talents, passions, and abilities and turn it into the career of our dreams? This approach may seem unattainable to some, but could be incorporated in different ways such as hobbies, weekly events, or participating in a certain group that share common interests to ensure one is allowed to express that passion. This I believe is the way to achieve happiness in both life and in the world of work.

Being the oldest of five sisters, I believe it is my job to enforce the very saying that parents have told their children for centuries; “You can be anything you want in life.” While they are not old enough to accurately choose a lifelong career, I made the decision to become a doctor despite the fact that the majority of my family did not even graduate high school. This one ideal lesson I believe is chalked full of a variety of other smaller lessons that my sisters may not realize any time soon, but will someday notice as they grow older. This I believe is my personal way of incorporating my passion and talent into my occupation while leaving behind the footsteps to encourage my sisters to reach for their dreams despite the circumstances.

It is often said careers are like family, sometimes you love them and sometimes you can't stand them. But providing for a family, leaving a legacy, and proving to yourself and others that you can make an impact on so many lives I believe is motivation itself to put ones heart and soul into their occupation. This I believe is applying God given talents, ambition, and determination to our careers to create our ideal future as well as to the futures of generations to come.