

Doctors of Tomorrow Essay Winner

**“The Major Influence Which Contributed to My Desire to Become a Healthcare Professional”
by Natalia Soler**

No, there was no tragic death. No, there is no family legacy of doctors that I have to keep alive. No, my family nor I have had any excruciating illnesses or accidents. The one thing that I do have is determination. From a young age, my parents have taught me that nothing is handed to you and you have to work for everything. That hardworking quality has stuck with me throughout my school and athletic careers. It has shown on the soccer field where even if I lost the ball, I worked for it back. It has shown in the classroom also, where if I failed, I went to extra help or studied more. I have always liked the health aspect of biology but always doubted whether I should become a doctor. After all, only one person in my extended family has gone down the medical route and it was into pharmacy. I know becoming a doctor would take a lot of time and hard work, but I also know that that hardworking quality is all that my parents have taught me since I was little. Therefore, the reason I want to become a healthcare professional is for the challenge.

Natalia Soler is a student in our Doctors of Tomorrow program. She is a senior from Miller Place High School. Out of the 40 seniors that were accepted into the program, Natalia placed first in the essay contest with her response to the topic, “The Major Influence Which Contributed to My Desire to Become a Healthcare Professional”.

