

Pueblo City-County Library District

20th Annual Pueblo Girl Essay Contest



Winning Stories 2019



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2019 Pueblo Girl Essay Contest

Pueblo City-County Library District, in cooperation with the Friends of the Library, is pleased to announce the winners of the Pueblo Girl Essay Contest. Young ladies of Pueblo, in grades 3-5, were invited to write an essay about the woman they want to be and what they will do to become that woman. Entries were limited to 700 words or less. There were 103 entries this year. Winners received an American Girl doll and book, a booklet with all the winning entries and a certificate of recognition. Runners-up received an American Girl doll book, a booklet with all the winning entries and a certificate of recognition. All participants received a certificate of participation. The judges were Friends of the Library board members Eileen Arnot, Heather Smith and Becky Sudduth.



Contest Winners

3rd grade

Winner	MaKinzee Baird	Highland Park Elementary School – Ms. Washburn
Runner-up	Cynthia Esquivel	Vineland Elementary School – Mrs. Trujillo
Runner-up	Regina Fierro Vargas	Bradford Elementary School – Miss Pope
Runner-up	Reece Hambric	St. Therese Catholic School – Mrs. Kwitek
Runner-up	Carlee Langston	Vineland Elementary School – Mrs. Trujillo
Runner-up	Isabella Martinez	St. Therese Catholic School – Mrs. Kwitek
Runner-up	Isabella Melster	Liberty Point Elementary School – Mr. Marmolejo
Runner-up	Sophia Perez	St. Therese Catholic School – Mrs. Kwitek
Runner-up	Alani Pino	Swallows Charter Academy – Mrs. Storm
Runner-up	Gianna Vasquez	St. Therese Catholic School – Mrs. Kwitek
Runner-up	Hailey Brooke Vigil	Carlile Elementary School – Ms. Lobato

4th grade

Winner	Simona Rowell	Homeschool – Ms. Rowell
Runner-up	Hannah Baker	Goodnight School – Mrs. Oreskovich
Runner-up	Katarina Elizabeth Black	Daystar Christian School – Mrs. Velbis
Runner-up	Taylor Bond	Swallows Charter Academy – Mrs. Geesaman
Runner-up	Molly Bush	Desert Sage Elementary School – Mr. Maez
Runner-up	Sophia Clark	Desert Sage Elementary School – Ms. Arguto
Runner-up	Katlynn Knabe	Haaff Elementary School – Ms. Burbidge
Runner-up	Ellah Mora-Prescia	Goodnight School – Mrs. Thielemier
Runner-up	Alayna Rice	Homeschool – Ms. Rice
Runner-up	Emelia Valles	North Mesa Elementary School – Mrs. Padilla

5th grade

Winner	Maija Garcia	Highland Park Elementary School – Mr. Anaya
Runner-up	Hannah Davis	Rye Elementary School – Mrs. Ewing
Runner-up	Katelyn Domina	Goodnight Elementary School – Mrs. Musso
Runner-up	Gabriella Harberts	Homeschool – Ms. Harberts
Runner-up	Fernanda Herrera	Baca Elementary School – Ms. Griego
Runner-up	Ysabel Lewis	Goodnight School – Mrs. Musso
Runner-up	Phyllis Manzanares	Irving Elementary School – Ms. Shelhart-Apana
Runner-up	Hayley Newitt	Rye Elementary School – Mrs. Ewing
Runner-up	Emma Perry	North Mesa Elementary School – Mrs. Powell
Runner-up	Leilah Wells	Cedar Ridge Elementary School – Ms. Bossow
Runner-up	Joanna Wietzke	Homeschool – Ms. Wietzke

MaKinzee Baird

3rd grade winner

Dancing is like art, it is a way for someone to express themselves. When I dance, I can be whoever I want to be. Someone who dances can show how they feel and who they really are inside. When I grow up I would like to be a dancer. In order to become a dancer I will need to dedicate all my free time to practicing, get good grades in school to go to a good dance college, and always believe in myself no matter what even if I find myself failing at one time or another along the way.

There are a lot of different types of dancing and new moves are added all the time, but you can make your own while practicing in your in your spare time. I have spent my spare time practicing for fun. When I start dance lessons I will use my spare time to practice what I have learned in class on my own. Dancing is so important to me that using all of my spare time to practice will not be a big deal.

If I get good grades in school then I will be able to get into a good dance college, and I would be able to dance more often to get better and better at dancing. Once I get into a good dance college I will have more opportunities to get a career as a dancer. After I get into a good dance college I will have to make sure I get good grades to better my chances of a good career in dance.

Anything a person is trying to become in life depends on their own belief in themselves. If a person fails at something they are trying to do, a lot of times they find themselves giving up. That is not believing in yourself. I know I have the ability to become a dancer of any kind such as theatre, television, or teaching it later to others. I will not give up on

myself because I truly believe in myself at everything I do. I have great parents who have always believed in me and always will. Dance teachers always believe in their students' abilities just like regular teachers do too. So, with the support of those around me I will never stop believing in myself and what I want to become.

In conclusion to what has been said my dream is to be a dancer. My role model for my dream to become a dancer is Sofia Carson because she has succeeded as a dancer and always believes in herself and in others. That is who I would like to become. I already believe in myself and those around me, I just need to stay motivated and open minded for my future. Going to college for dance, getting good grades, practicing whenever I can, and always believing in myself are my main focuses in life. As long as I follow my plan I know I will become the Pueblo girl known for rising to the top of my dreams.



Cynthia Esquivel

3rd grade runner-up

I like to read about doctors when I go to the library. I am like a doctor when I try to help people. For me being a doctor is the job I want. The first thing I want to do is get straight A's in school. I will then have to go to a good college, study being a doctor and be really smart. Last I will graduate from college and become a doctor. I will never let go of becoming a doctor. My parents tell me this "Never give up." They also tell my sisters and me to be smart, nice, and always make my teachers happy. I will have to do all this to be a doctor. I will have to work hard. I will have to make my boss happy. I am a good student now, so I will be a good employee. I will also have to take care of people I love, to help people and make children smile. I will help the people with cancer be happy like everyone. I will be nice and calm. I hope to make people happy like me. I will tell the children this, "Good is your heart." If someone is about to die, I will try to save their life. I will do anything to help them live and have a good life. After becoming a doctor, I want to have a Pomeranian dog and live in a huge house. When I go to sleep I sometimes dream of being a doctor. That's what I want to be. As a doctor, I will also tell people, "Don't do drugs."



Regina Fierro Vargas

3rd grade runner-up

When I grow up I would want to be a lawyer because my family is struggling due to immigration laws. I want to be able to help them with all the paper work. I also want them to head in the right direction with the process. My family has inspired me to become a lawyer. When I become a woman I will be a great lawyer.

I want to finish high school so I can become a wonderful woman. I want to make sure I have a good education so I can start college right after high school. I want to get a job so I can get ready to become the best lawyer I have been dreaming of. I want to become a secretary while I am in college so that when I graduate college I will be one step closer to being the best lawyer of Pueblo, Colorado. I also want to make sure I have good attendance and good grades to graduate on time from college. I am excited to be called Dr. Regina when I get my degree.

I will work hard to be successful. I want less family to struggle from being separated from each other. I don't want to see kids falling in depression and not doing well in school because they are not united with their family. I will make America great again! This is why I will be a great lawyer when I become a woman.



Reece Hambric

3rd grade runner-up

When I grow up I want to be a kind, generous and caring woman. For work I would like to be a traveling photographer. I want to travel to different countries to take pictures to see how people live and treat each other. I can help change the world by taking photos and bringing attention to both bad and good things happening and hopefully find a way to help people that need it. I can also show pictures of good things that make people happy. I can also use my photography to show others beautiful parts of the world like Africa, Europe, China and Australia. This can help people learn about places and if they went there and how they might be treated. This might also help them stay safe if they travel far from home.

My photography will let everyone know what is going on around them. If something is bad, maybe someone will want to help. Or if something I take a photo of is good, someone would want to repeat it and make someone else happy.

If people or companies like my pictures I could make good money and use the money to help people or kids that are homeless or help a soldier that lost an arm or leg.

By using my faith in God to be a kind, generous and caring person and being a photographer, I believe I can make changes in our world. I want to change how unfairly some people may be treated. I want to teach kids what other places look like. But most of all, I want to bring peace and happiness to this world through my pictures. By taking these pictures I might be able to change our world.



Carlee Langston

3rd grade runner-up

Today I am nine years old and I am in 3rd grade. When I grow up I want to work at Pueblo Wood Products. My grandma and grandpa Dunmire started the business 30 years ago in 1988. I would like to do the accounting or be an accountant for Pueblo Wood.

An accountant is very important for a successful business because he or she is in charge of keeping track of the money spent and earned. Math is my favorite subject and I like things to be neat and organized, so I would be good at this job.

In order to prepare myself to be an accountant, I will work hard in all subjects in Elementary and Middle School. I will also work with my mom on Fridays. Later, in High School I will do some job shadows to see how accountants are in many jobs. I will work summers and Fridays at the family-owned business to learn about different parts of the business. I will also take math and business classes. I need to stay active and healthy, too.

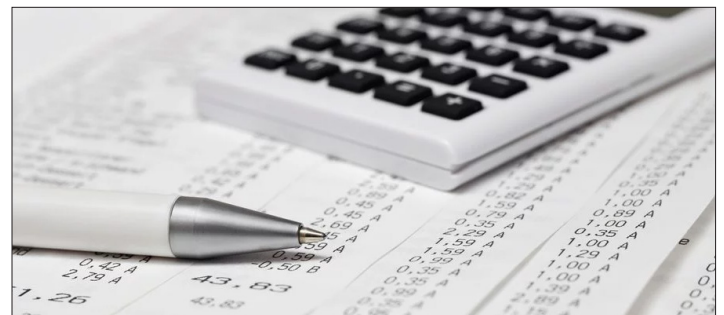
In college, I would like to attend University of Wyoming for an accounting degree and also work with my aunt Holly in Laramie, Wyoming. Holly is very successful accountant herself.

I can gain real world skills from her work experience. I hope to return to Pueblo Wood Products and help with its

future success by bringing my knowledge back to the family business.

I am confident that I will become the woman I hope to be because I get good grades now and I will work hard to get good grades in my future.

If Pueblo Wood comes to a problem, I know I will be ready to help because I will have paid good attention in grade schools and business and accountant school. I think it will be good to continue to carry the family business on.



Isabella Martinez

3rd grade runner-up

My dream is to one day be a chef. That's because I want to cook for people. I want to make beautiful and amazing food that not only tastes good but also looks good too. I want people to say "Wow" when they see the food I make. I want to travel the world to go to different chef schools so that I can learn to make different kinds of food and learn different chef things. After chef school I'd want to open a fancy restaurant and call it "Bella's Bonappetite." I would have lots of appetizers, main dishes, and deserts. I would use lots of yummy ingredients.



I would serve my favorite foods like steak and pasta, and I would always be adding new things to my menu. I would always have something new for people to try and of course keep the dishes that are everyone's favorites. My restaurant would only serve fancy food. I would use pretty flowers to put on top of the food to make it fancy. I would use fancy sauces and syrups. I would sprinkle fancy fruits and mint leaves on all my deserts and I would sprinkle edible glitter on everything! I would have fancy curtains, pictures and furniture. The tables would have big vases of flowers with fancy table clothes and napkins, and huge comfy couches to sit on. There would be so much yummy food, and I'd give out fresh mints after every meal. People all over would be talking about my restaurant and about the amazing food I make! I will be world famous! I would love to feed famous people like the President and movie stars, but I'd especially like to share my cooking skills with people who need it most, people who don't have food. I want to share my fancy food with them. I want to make them food they've never had tried before. I enjoy making new foods and cooking. I like seeing their faces if they enjoy it.

Feeding people makes me happy. Eating great food makes people happy. Happiness is what dreams are made of. My dream is to do something that makes me happy and brings happiness to others too, and for me, that means being a world famous, fancy chef.

Isabella Melster

3rd grade runner-up

When I grow up I would like to be an archeologist. To discover ancient artifacts. And how to do that I will have good grades and a good education and always have good respect for teachers and others. I will listen, do all my work, and do my best to achieve this dream. When I grow up to be a woman I want to be nice, hardworking, respectful, engaged, good listener, that's the woman I would like to be. The tools I would like to work with would be shovel, mattock, Marshalltown trowel, plain trowel, coal scoop, total station transit, and an auger. Where I want to go see and discover things is the Anasazi cities. Why I want to be an archeologist is it looks like a good job and there are many things waiting to be discovered.



Sophia Perez

3rd grade runner-up

My name is Sophia Perez, but in karate class my title of honor is Sophia-san. I have earned this title by advancing through fifteen levels of karate belts during the last four years. I'm nine years old. I want to be a strong and powerful woman who runs her own business and controls her own future. I have a plan to become Sensei Sophia. I will continue my karate education and become a black belt this summer. As a black belt I will be able to teach under-belt classes. By the time I enter high school, I will have almost six years of black belt experience. If I'm lucky, teaching karate will become a paying job.

I will take honors classes in high school so that I can attend Colorado College. I will continue my karate training through high school and college.

Once I graduate from college, I will open my own Dojo. I will decide which classes I will teach and when I will work. I will be my own boss and I will be known as Sensei Sophia.



Alani Pino

3rd grade runner-up

As an adult, I want to be a #1 New York Times Bestselling author and healing massage therapist. I plan to write a few different biographies about my heroes like Michelle Obama, Malala Yousafzai, and Rosa Parks. I would also like to write an autobiography about my childhood when I'm older as well. The part I'm most looking forward to is writing fiction novels. Already, I have a huge love for reading mythical stories, so if I became an author, I would be creating what gives me the most joy. I will sign up for more of Swallows' school drama club activities and maybe a few plays outside of school so I can get over my stage fright. This will also help out with the speeches I need to make at my meet-and-greets. When I speak on stage, I want to encourage others to laugh often and follow their passions. I want to start early with my writing career, so my goal for 2019 is to get a small book published by Christmas. Hopefully when I become a successful author, I will have enough money to buy my dream home, start a garden, and help my parents pay bills and taxes. If I want to be a good role model to all the young ladies in the world, I will have to work on bettering my mood, and getting back in the habit of using my healing crystals to cleanse spaces and lift others' moods. To enhance my responsibility, I will help my parents more around the house. If possible, I would like to meet the Obama family and stay in Chicago for a week to get more inspiration and encouragement. My school plans are to

go to massage therapy school at the age of eighteen, and while I am working on bettering the health of others, I can continue to write and publish books. Once I marry and have kids, I want to be a happy mother and bake and study and cook with my children. I've been giving my mother foot and back massages to practice for massage therapy and I've been trying to teach my baby sister Sukhui to talk. One thing that really encouraged me to start living my life better is Michelle Obama's new book *Becoming*. It's a great book filled with sadness and courage, and Michelle Obama's message is clear: Whether you're white or black, young or old, girl or boy, the only thing you can do is just to keep living. All in all, I have a long way to go before I become my dream woman but I'm definitely on my way!



Gianna Vasquez

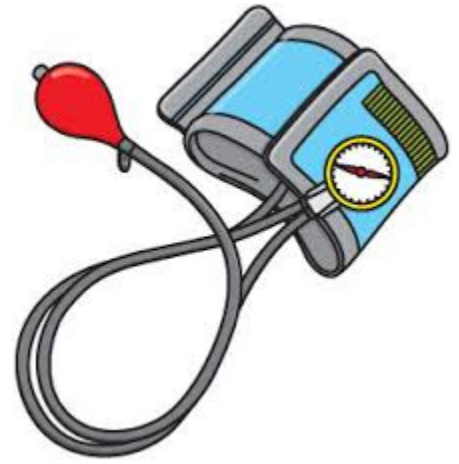
3rd grade runner-up

When I think of the future and the woman, I want to become, my first thought is to help others. I want to become a traveling doctor. I want to help families and children in other countries who are sick and without medicine. Watching my mom help kids with speech disorders inspired me to want to help others with their diseases. I know there are a lot of people around the world who need to be seen by a doctor and can't because there aren't enough doctors. I want to become a doctor that travels to many countries.

The first step to becoming a traveling doctor is, of course graduating middle school from St. Therese Catholic School. Then I'll graduate from high school. After high school I will attend college at CSU-P for 2-3 years. While at CSU-P I will apply to medical school. I love Colorado and my dream would be to go to medical school in Denver. I will work at Denver Children's Hospital until I graduate. I will learn from doctors and nurses how to take care of kids and babies. Next

I will begin working in the E.R. I will need a lot of experience before I can travel. Becoming a traveling doctor will allow me to take what I've learned to other places.

I can teach other doctors and nurses from other countries how to take care of their people. I know becoming a traveling doctor is a big job, but I am determined to follow my dreams and I will be great at it.



Hailey Brooke Vigil

3rd grade runner-up

Hi, I am Hailey Vigil. I am eight, and in the 3rd grade. When I think about what I want to be when I grow up I want to be a designer. I am interested in designing clothes for both women and young girls. I will improve myself in school and will go on to making clothes for men and boys when I become better.

I am creative and like to use my hands and mind to make some fashionable designs with hand bags on my spare time. I already keep my ideas and drawings in a note book. For Christmas I got a designer book to make clothes. Doing all these things makes me happy. So that's why I chose clothing designing for my topic. I will work hard towards my life goals to become the woman I want to become when I am older.

My mom and dad push me and support my own ideas and decisions to be whatever I want when I am bigger.

When I get into my creative mind I play with my ideas on my notebook. I have been making some drawings long before this idea of what I want to become.

To become a designer I am going to keep working hard in school and at home. I will stay focused on my dreams and know my life is full of supportive people to help me along my path of life. I am very loved and blessed. School gets hard I need extra help with reading and spelling but I am getting better every day.

I love life, my family, and school with my friends. I am inspired by Monster High and other things I like. I know I will be a strong and smart designer with more exciting fashion for the world. I do not own any American Girl dolls but my friends do. I was at the library with my family last week and saw my chance to earn a doll by sharing my dreams. I would be so proud of myself if my hard work shows. I really want to win. I am the oldest child out of three kids.



Simona Rowell

4th grade winner

Hello, my name is Simona Rowell. I live with my six brothers and sisters and my mom and dad. When I grow up I want to be a midwife. I decided I wanted to become a midwife when my mom gave birth to my baby brother, Leo, at home. It was a really cool experience. At first, I was a little scared, but when I saw my brother being born it helped me realize how valuable life is.

Being a midwife is going to take a lot of hard work. I will first have to go to Midwifery College for four years that will include medical training and then take a hard test to become certified. I know this will take a lot of effort. I will have to stay positive even when studying gets hard. I will do this by reminding myself I can do anything I put my mind to. Once I have become a midwife the things I will do will consist of monitoring pregnancy, helping a mother during labor by encouraging certain positions and keeping her comfortable, checking the baby's heartbeat and position, checking the mothers vitals. If a very serious problem arises during the labor I would help get the mom to a hospital but that is

very rare. I'll have to be brave and encouraging during these tasks. I am going to need to be brave because sometimes before a delivery I might get scared that I can't do it. During these times I will have to push myself until my confidence is at a better level. I will accomplish this by remaining calm, reminding myself how hard I have worked for this, and repeating 2 Corinthians 5:7 which says, "We walk by faith, not by sight." I will also need to be encouraging because some of the women giving birth might feel scared or worried. At these times I will have to be encouraging. I can do this if I keep reminding them everything will be okay and pray with them. I am going to practice bravery and encouragement now so when I am a midwife I can be the best I can be.

I am very excited to be a midwife in America and overseas on mission trips.

I am going to better my world with midwifery skills by helping women have cool birth experiences and see the true value of life.



Hannah Baker

4th grade runner-up

When I grow up I want to own a zoo farm animal rescue. How I will get there? I will go to college to be a veterinarian. I will be a vet until I have enough money to buy the land for the zoo farm animal rescue. But all of this will take many years. I will do it because I am very determined to do these things because I love animals.

At the place, humans will be able to buy dogs and cats there. I will take in abused and stray animals. I will take care of injured dogs, squirrels, cats, and many other animals. And I will take care of them. There I will have a rehabilitation center and there I will rehabilitate squirrels, dogs, cats, and other small animals. But let's go back to the beginning of the story.

I'm going to college to be a veterinarian.

I also have to go to business school to learn how to run a business so I can run the place right. So I'm going to get my business to have some of the animals there before the zoo officially opens.

After college I'm going to be a veterinarian. I will save until I have enough money to open my own business and get things running. I'm going to start helping stray and hurt animals. Then I will take them in and fix them. And if they are wild animals, I will release them if they can survive in the wild. And if they are pets I will put them up for adoption. But to adopt them you have to meet them at least seven times, before you can take them home for them to be officially yours.

This is the woman I want to be.



Katarina Elizabeth Black

4th grade runner-up

Have you ever thought of what kind of person you want to be when you grow up? I thought I wanted to be a florist when I grew up, but one day that changed for me, because my dog got an ACL surgery on her leg. I thought, what if I could be an orthopedic surgeon? I did a little research, and I learned that they can do surgery on bones joints and ligaments.

I want to help the people with broken arms, twisted ankles, and so much more. I know by doing this I can help the community. I once had a friend at school that broke her arm. The doctors helped her arm by putting a cast on it. Now she is fully healed because of those doctors.

My goal is to help others like what my dad does. He is a CRNA and he wants to help his patients. I will try to grow up and help my patients, coworkers, and boss by helping others I can inspire people to do the same thing. I want to be honest when I grow up. I can do that by telling the truth in school and at home.

Since I want to be an orthopedic surgeon, I'll have to work really hard in school. To get to the point I want to

be at I'll have to especially work hard in math. Like my teacher always says, "You need to have grit." It will take 12 years of schooling, but it'll be worth it to become an orthopedic surgeon.

In conclusion, I want to be an orthopedic surgeon and help all people with bone issues. I think by doing this I can help the community. I'll grow up to be honest and truthful to my patients no matter how bad their injury is. I'm trying to do my best in school so I can be an orthopedic surgeon. I want to be an orthopedic surgeon, what do you want to be?



Taylor Bond

4th grade runner-up

When you were 10 years old did you dream about what you wanted to be when you grew up? I do. My name is Taylor Bond and when I grow up I want to be a firefighter.

I want to be a firefighter like my dad who inspires me. I would like to be a firefighter because I want to help and save people every day. Even though firefighters have to put up with extreme temperatures plus the heat of their heavy suits and can suffer many burns and breathe in lots of smoke, I would go through all that and more to save as many people as my dad has and hopefully so many more. I would risk my life to help humanity not only survive but strive.

To become a firefighter I will continue to get good grades in school. I will go to college and get a Master's Degree in Fire Science and Emergency Service Management. Also I will go to firefighters training academy. I will keep myself in excellent shape since being a firefighter is a physical job. I

will apply for jobs at different fire houses most of all I would like to work at Pueblo Rural Fire Department with my dad.

I'm glad that when I grow up I will be able to help so many people and can make a difference in their lives. 2018 was a great year but in the new year I hope to achieve more and continue to try new things to make every year better and better. I hope you consider me as the winner of your contest.



Molly Bush

4th grade runner-up

When I grow up I want to be a police woman. If I become a police woman I will be a proud and strong woman. I will work very hard and be as tough and as strong as a man, if not tougher and stronger.

To be a strong woman, I will have to believe in myself. I believe that there is no way a woman can't be as strong as a man. If I'm ever feeling down, I know that I can always say to myself, "I can do it." No matter how I feel I can always get through it. To be a tough woman I have to believe in myself. I will never give up. I can do it. No matter how a woman feels, she can always push through and never give up.

How I would start is by always being active. To be more active, I would start now. I will run and exercise. I will also eat healthy. Getting outside more and stretching will also help. I want to be a strong and wise woman, and have the bravery to always speak up. A strong and wise woman can always help.

When I'm older I will train as hard as I can. I will most likely have to go to a special school, like Police Academy and Detective school. At those schools I will learn how to be a cop. I will probably have to work very hard, like if I was in the military. I know that I will work super hard and always be one of the best in my class. How successful do I think I can be in the police academy? I believe I can do it, and that

is all I need. When I'm in the police academy, I'm going to work very hard.

Where I want to live is a big question. When I grow up, I want to live in so many places.

1. Texas. I know you're thinking, "Why Texas?" Well, Texas is a beautiful place, I know that it gets super-hot but it is awesome.

2. Colorado. My beautiful home state. That's it, no other reason. I love Colorado.

3. New York City. Yes, the big city. I would like to live in a big city to see what it is like.

4. California. It would be awesome to be a California Police officer.

5. Florida. It would also be cool to be a Florida officer and live in the sunshine.

In conclusion, I believe I can do it! I will be very active, I'll train really hard and I will live in many places.



Sophia Clark

4th grade runner-up

I have dreamed of growing up and being a Marine Biologist. I want to do this because I love sea turtles. I love sea turtles for many reasons: they are sweet and innocent, so ugly they are cute, they have lazy looking eyes, and have cute little tails.

My dad took me to an educational talk about sea turtles. It showed me how bad off the sea turtle population really is. I think it's heartbreaking that sea turtles are on the endangered species list. My main goal is to put a stop to this by helping them heal up and have more turtles. Then the population will get larger and the world will be cuter.

If I want to accomplish this goal, I will have to work hard in school. I will also have to go to college to learn this field. I plan to go to the University of Alabama. They have the degrees I need, Marine Biology and Wildlife Conservation. Marine Biology will help me understand how the turtle's body works and how to help them heal quicker. Wildlife Conservation will help me better understand how to make their population grow.

I also want to have a family with several kids. This way I have more help with the turtles! I know that kids can be crazy

and wild but I also know that they are a blessing. If I want to do this, I know I will have to get a house. I plan on buying a house close to the turtle habitation center in Texas. This will save me money on gas which will help me be able to save more turtles. I will stay away from drugs and other bad choices that could ruin my dreams. I will try to be brave, responsible, and to make my future great one little turtle at a time.



Katlynn Knabe

4th grade runner-up

What do you want to be when you grow up? Well, I want to be a world changer that breaks stereotypes. The reason I want to break unfair laws is because, I want to play in the National Football League (NFL). I will need to take baby steps to get to my dream. First, I can practice every day for an hour or more. By practice I mean playing football at school, go over rules, learn all the terms like quarterback, and have my friends and family drill me on the terms and rules. The next step is to play football in middle school, high school, and college. This will help me get used to the pads, impact, and practicing a lot. Doing this will get me ready for the NFL. I will have to watch NFL on the television to see what it is like. I will have to try out for a team. If they

tell me I can't play because, I'm a girl I could tell them that their wrong because of a federal law that was made in the 1920's that meant girls should be treated fairly. Then, they can't just send me home because, I'm a girl. I would get to go through the tryouts before they could send me home. If I don't make it I could always see if there was another tryout. If I do make it I can encourage other girls to follow in my footsteps. I think all girls should follow their dreams even if it sounds super crazy. This is my dream career for when I grow up.



Kylie Miller

4th grade runner-up

Ever since I was little, I have wanted to be a construction worker. I was only two and I am ten now and I still want to be a construction worker. I believe that if I work hard and do my best I can become one. I am a very successful student and I love school.

I love to build with Legos and blocks. There is a 1% chance for a girl to be a construction worker, but I think I can be one of the few girls who become construction workers. I want to build houses for the poor and give them a place to live. I'm very happy to try to become a construction worker and I love to build.

In my future, I will keep my grades up and do my best to become a construction worker. If I could have one wish, it would be to give everyone in the world a home to live in. I think in my future I will still have the same dream of being a construction worker. I want to and have to go to college.

I have four siblings, two little brothers and two little sisters. When I'm older I think I will need more experience than Legos and blocks, but I know that if I keep trying, I will

have lots more experience. I love to watch my dad use his tools. I have used a hammer, a screwdriver, and a drill. When I'm older, I will try to move to New York City. The thing I like best about being a construction worker is how creative they can be. I like to design things and draw things and write.

In my future I will go to college and become a construction worker.



Ellah Mora-Prescia

4th grade runner-up

Although I am only nine years old, I have big plans for my future. When I am grown up there are three things that I want to reach in my education, my career, and where I want to live. I hope to achieve those three goals in my life.

I would like to live in a normal sized house. The reason I want to get a normal sized house is, because it will be affordable. When I get a regular sized house I would like it to be in Colorado. When I get this house I would like it to be on the south side. If I get a normal sized house it will be just the right size for me. This is why I want a normal sized house.

The college I would like to go to is Yale or Harvard. Yale or Harvard are good Ivy League schools. By going to classes and studying, I can learn more. When I go to school I can get smarter. In math I can get a degree. This is why I want to go to Yale or Harvard.

What will my career be? When I get a job I want to be a teacher. The reason I want to be a teacher is because I want to spend time with kids and teach them new things. When I teach kids it makes me feel happy. Now I know that teaching is a good job for me.

I can imagine the woman I want to be when I grow up. These are the three things that I can accomplish, getting an education, having a career and living in Colorado. My future is full of possibilities.



Alayna Rice

4th grade runner-up

I would be a good choice for Pueblo Girl because I would like to be a veterinarian. What I would do to become a veterinarian is going through six extra years of university. Being a veterinarian would allow me to spend more time with animals.

I want to be a veterinarian because I love animals and helping them. Animals are my passion and that is partly why I want to be a veterinarian. I already have a lot of experience with animals because I have one dog named Ceres, seven chickens, and two rabbits named Snowflake and Beauty; they are sisters. I am currently enrolled in my second year of 4H; two of my projects are breeding chickens and breeding rabbits. I compete at Pueblo County Fair for chicken and rabbit showmanship. It requires me to meet with a judge on how much I know about my animal(s), their anatomy, health, and nutrition and habitat requirements.

To be a veterinarian I have to go through six years of university. Colorado State University offers a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine Program in Fort Collins. Once I am 12 years old I am able to volunteer at the Pueblo Humane



Society. I want to specialize in farm animals because most cats are feisty and because most vets work with cats/dogs. Science is a big part of being a veterinarian, but that is not a problem for me because I love science. Being a veterinarian would be an honor because I love spending time with animals.

When I am a veterinarian it would be fun and I would make money doing it. I don't really care about the money; I mainly just care about helping animals. I love animals. Knowing how to properly hold and carry an animal is greatly important because if you're holding the animal improperly then the animal could get injured.

I would be a great choice for Pueblo Girl because I would like to be a veterinarian. What I would do to become a veterinarian is going through extra years of university. Being a veterinarian would allow me to get to know animals a little bit better. It would be hard, but I think I can do it.

Emelia Valles

4th grade runner-up

The woman I want to become is an astronomer. I want to become an astronomer who gives clear answers about our universe and works hard to find them. Just imagine, we are one planet in an infinite space to explore. Our universe can be extremely confusing and full of questions. Is there any other source of life, water, or types of stars that have been undiscovered? If you think about it if we are the only source of life in our universe we would be alone in more than billions of light years' worth of stars planets black holes and more. I want to help give those answers.

To become this woman I will go to college for as long as it takes for me to achieve this goal. That means I will have to do good in school all the way through college and get an advanced degree in astronomy. That isn't all that I will have to do, it requires a lot of inspiration to encourage people to look beyond the telescope.

Inspiration is so important in being successful in your career because there are people that won't think it is possible to look billions of light years into space and find another source of life or something new recent astronomers have



found. And to get people excited about new things like discoveries would be fun too!

Whatever it is you don't know before you try and that is exactly what I'm going to do to find more things like life, water, and other undiscovered items waiting to be found. I am determined to do this and will with a ton of hard work and never giving up because anyone can accomplish anything. I think that being an astronomer will be a pretty cool job. That is the woman I want to be and what I will do to become that woman.

Maija Garcia

5th grade winner

The question is what kind woman do I want to be? I can imagine that most girls want to be the kind of woman that does something that changes the world for the better, and I agree. I want to influence the world. It is natural that I choose to help animals, as I prefer animals to people. Animals don't judge one another or us, and accept what they have. I find it sad to learn about what is happening to many animals. Most animals are on the verge of extinction through abuse, losing their habitats, poaching and many other reasons. I want to help. In order to help, I need to become an advocate for animals and teach others to protect their environments.

In Africa, poachers are killing elephants, rhinoceros, and large cats. India and China are clearing forest lands for agriculture. South America rainforests are quickly disappearing as oil, gold and timber businesses clear trees and build roads. Chemical plants pollute water sources, overfishing has reduced the quantity of ocean life, and even you and I contribute to the million tons of trash produced each day. This creates a need for more landfills and is clogging up the oceans.

My role model is Elissa Samsara. Elissa is a biologist, broadcaster, filmmaker and celebrity conservationist from Australia. From 2010-2013, she worked in the Antarctic on a whale conservation expedition filming a part for the

Animal Planet series "Whale Wars." In 2010, she started her foundation, Society for Animals. She hoped that SFA would increase both awareness of animal exploitation and encourage prevention. Elissa is my role model because I want to be like her and raise awareness for animals and their habitats.

Getting to where she is now will take much hard work. I will have to learn much more about animals. Volunteering at local shelters, zoos and with local veterinarians is something I can do now. When I start college, I will need to major in biology, zoology and environmental studies. I will also need to learn how to work with people in order to increase their awareness of animals' needs. Finding ways to improve their way of life without causing further harm to animals is important.

I want to be a positive influence by becoming an advocate for animals, to have the knowledge and experience to make a difference, as animals deserve better lives. They have as much right as we do to live on this planet. I hope that when I die I will have succeeded in my dream. All living creatures have such beauty and importance, it is my hope that future generations will be able experience them as a living part of this world.



Hannah Davis

5th grade runner-up

Have you ever thought about what you want to be when you grow up? I have. I want to be a nurse when I grow up because I want to help people. Helping people makes me happy, it feels amazing to help people.

For example, when I was seven years old I had gotten really sick. I had this terrible stomach ache and I thought I was going to die. I got really scared. The nurses at the hospital helped me by talking to me and letting me know that I would be ok. When I left the hospital I was very thankful for the nurses who helped me. I think it would be so amazing to help patients calm down and show them that it's going to be ok and that you're going to make it through.

Being a nurse is more than just giving people a shot. It also means to show people to have faith that they are going to be okay. I also want to be a nurse because I could travel around the world and help people. Another example of why I want to be a nurse is because a nurse not only does surgeries but nurses also teach people how to take care of themselves. A super important reason why I want to be a nurse is to get to know the patients. Building relationships with the patients

so they will trust the people working with them. I want to make a positive impact on people's lives. I want to be there to help all people even if they might not live much longer or if they will make it through this extremely difficult time that they are going through.

I know that this may seem silly but I also want to be a nurse so I can wear scrubs. I think they feel like you are wearing your pajamas every day!

Just thinking about being a nurse has a great impact on me. I know that it won't be easy to get there. Until then I will work hard so I can go to a great college and learn how to be a nurse so I will do great job when I grow up. Obviously, being a nurse is an amazing job and I can't wait to be a nurse when I grow up.



Katelyn Domina

5th grade runner-up

Fun! Fashion! Action! When I grow I would like to be an Interior Designer. I have always watched Chip and Jo on "Fixer Upper" and can relate to their unique sense of design. My family has always told me that I have a knack for designing places, such as my bedroom and bathroom.

Most people do not know that there is a difference between an interior decorator and designer. To be a decorator you do not need an education to be a designer you need a bachelor's degree. I plan on attending NYC to study and receive my degree. This will take me four years. As I study and learn I will build my portfolio. My portfolio will include samples of my amazing designs.

Although you might think interior designers make a lot of money they really don't make that much, as \$42,000 is

normally a starting wage. In order to move up and make more money depends on your location, experience, the size of company you work for, and how much of a people person you are.

It is also important for an interior designer to remember that they are designing for the people not for themselves. With that being said, I think it will be very important for me to be a good listener to what my clients are asking for. Another important factor is to know the local Laws and codes of the location you are working. This is where my education will come in handy.

As you can see, I have done my research and know what lies ahead of me to someday become an interior designer. The path to becoming an interior designer is going to be challenging, but I know if I set my mind to my goals I can accomplish it. The challenge will be worth it, as becoming an interior designer is my dream job!



Gabriella Harberts

5th grade runner-up

When I grow up I want to be a kind, hardworking, confident young woman. I want to help and inspire people to be compassionate, assured, hardworking adults.

When I'm older I want to be kind. I desire to help people as much as I can. I wish to be a nurse because I can help patients when they are sick. My mom is a nurse and she's a great one. She inspires me every day to be kind and helpful. Having a pet has also taught me to be kind and helpful. It is a big responsibility to have a bunny and take care of it. I hope being kind to my bunny will help me when I'm older. I also am getting better at being kind when I help my friends Hayden and Makenzy with a ballet step. This year I hope to show my kindness by helping the homeless, building up my family and friends, and helping people fit in at ballet. I hope to become even more kind, so I can inspire other people to be kind.

I want to be hardworking. I always try to do my very best. I try to be diligent in school and ballet, and I hope to be industrious in my job. Ballet is very hard to do. It takes a lot of strength, dedication, and practice. Ballet is teaching me how to be hardworking by challenging me. I have to be devoted to improve, which helps me get better roles in performances. I got to be Clara last year by working really hard, and improving my technique. I want to be faithful in school so I can become a nurse that works in labor and

delivery. I would like to work there because I like babies. These challenges will teach me to work harder in my job, and other things in life.

Confidence is very important. If you are not confident in yourself, life will be hard. In a book I read called *Sophia's War*, Sophia had to be self-assured. She had to believe that she could warn the Americans. Because she had self-reliance, she succeeded and saved West Point from landing in the hands of the British. If she had not have been courageous the Americans could have lost the war. Sophia was confident, but also humble. She didn't brag about what she did. She had the perfect balance of confidence and humbleness. I want to become self-confident like Sophia, by being brave in all the things I do. Confidence is needed in all aspects of life. I need to have self-assurance in following my dreams, like becoming a nurse and doing ballet. I hope to gain more confidence to show other people they can be confident in themselves too.

I want to be a role model to people all over the world, by being compassionate, assured, and hardworking when I grow up.



Fernanda Herrera

5th grade runner-up

These are the three reasons why I want to become a vet when I become a woman.

To begin with, when I grow up I want to be a vet because when I was five I saw a puppy with my cousins he was adorable. His name was Olaf. Olaf one day got injured because kids from the other street came and threw rocks at Olaf. I started to cry I told my aunt. She said, "Let's go to the vet and see what's wrong with Olaf," and I said, "Okay." After going to the vet I asked my aunt if he was okay and she said yes. That's why I want to become a vet as a woman.

Next, I want to become a vet when I become a woman because I have a special love for pets. I love pets because they are adorable. Some of the dogs or cats can stick their tongue at you and because they bark, walk and how cute they look. I want to become this woman because I feel like I'm giving something to the homeless pets. Homeless pets

can't tell you what they want or made which is why I want to look out for them as a woman. There are many people that take care of helpless people and elderly but not many people don't care about animals. I want to become a woman who looks out for pets who need help.

Finally, I want to become this woman because we have to make the world a better place. I feel like by doing this is wonderful because we are giving love to God's creatures. This is why I want to become this woman.

Although, many pets are living in the streets so all the people need to be there for them and take them to the vet and I'm going to be at the vet when I'm 16.



Ysabel Lewis

5th grade runner-up

When I grow up I want to be an independent woman who can do anything she wants. I want to be a journalist who travels the world and makes books about what it is like to go place to place. My dream trip is to go to South Korea. I want to learn more languages so I can communicate with people who don't speak English. I also want to learn sign language. I want to be able to have a family and homeschool if I have kids. I also want to get my first job at sixteen years old so I can saving money for college and future things. A journalist makes \$51,216 a year.

Since I am going through a rough time now I can enjoy life later. My dream college is NYU or Stanford University. I want to graduate with a degree in journalism. I would like to have a big book collection filled with books about history.

My favorite person that fought for their rights is Martin Luther King Jr. He is a huge inspiration to me because my grandpa grew up during the time that Martin Luther King Junior was fighting for rights. My grandpa is African American with a Native American mom who was part of the Ottawa tribe named Viola. My grandpa is my dad's dad. My dad's mom is British and Irish. My Grandpa Bice is my grandma's dad he is ninety five years old he is British. My mom's side of the family is mostly Mexican only her grandpa is German.

I want to have four adopted kids. I want two girls and two boys but I will take whatever I can get. I also want a nice house. If I don't end up being a journalist I will go back to school to be a nurse. A nurse makes \$6,129 a month. When I travel around the world I will go by plane. These are my top twenty places that I really want to go:

1. South Korea
2. Mexico
3. Africa
4. Japan
5. Australia
6. Paris
7. Bora Bora
8. Europe
9. India
10. Greece
11. China
12. Hong Kong
13. Canada
14. Vietnam
15. Switzerland
16. Ireland
17. Alaska
18. Peru
19. Iceland
20. New Zealand

I want to learn about those twenty places and their culture I want to learn what they do. If I ever visit any of those places or other places I want to get souvenirs such as clothing from their culture, jewelry from their culture, accessories, and most of all journals. I will take lots of pictures. I also want to learn any traditional things such as dances, prayers, and songs. I want to work really hard to make my kids childhood great.

When I am not traveling I want to go read my books to kids at Children's Hospital Colorado. Hopefully when I am older I will inspire other girls to be just like me or whatever they want. I want to learn how to do pottery, drawing, and other crafty things. I want to move to South Korea because it is really beautiful and has awesome fashion. I want to be able to take on whatever gets in my way.

If I am not able to move to South Korea, go to NYU or Stanford University, be a journalist, be a nurse, or travel the world there are so many other opportunities for me to do. Such as being a teacher, staying in Colorado, and going to school in Colorado. I want to keep in touch with the people I meet from all over the world by visiting and if they have a cell phone contact them.

Lastly I want to thank my mom, sister, grandmas, and aunties for inspiring me so much for what they do. Also I hope I can inspire other girls that they can do whatever they want if they try their best. Although I am only eleven years old and thinking about kids, jobs, and colleges I want to plan out what I am going to do when I am all grown up as an independent woman.



Phyllis Manzanares

5th grade runner-up

Hello, my name is Phyllis Manzanares. I am a fifth grade student at Irving Elementary in Pueblo, Colorado. I want to be a nurse when I grow up. When I graduate in the year 2026 I want to attend the University of Florida. I will work hard to reach my goal of being a nurse. How I plan to reach my goal is by working very hard in school, and doing my best to get straight A's. I won't let anyone or anything get in the way of my dreams. I know I have many family members who are supporting me while I'm growing up.

I would like to be a pediatric nurse because I have loved babies ever since my mother was pregnant, this is when I started noticing my interest in the baby growing inside her stomach. I started learning more on my own by using an app that counted the weeks and showed me a picture of a fruit or vegetable that was comparable to the size of the baby. When the baby was born, it was amazing to know that a seven pound, 21 inch long baby girl was in my mom's stomach. I learned skin on skin is most important for the bonding to start, doing this helps the baby know who they belong to and gives them trust. I go with the baby to her doctor appointments, help with her feedings, baths, and diaper changes (noticed the baby's poop changes). The more I help with her the more I learn. It's awesome to see how baby's eyes can change color, the way they have a different cry when they're hungry and when they're tired, cooing, and how they know when to start rolling over. There are so many different changes going on in one little body. I could only imagine what is going on in the inside.

Now I'm digging in and learning more. With the new phone I got for Christmas I started researching what's going on in her little body. At birth, a baby's brain is about one third the size of an adult's brain. Some babies can take as long as five to six months to roll over. Why? Because their neck needs time to get stronger along with arm muscles to be able to hold that position.

Their eyesight is blurry at first but improves from birth on. Just when I thought things couldn't get more interesting, she recently started teething, I found out her teeth were trying to come in through the gums. This was not a good time, she was in pain. Then the odd screaming type of cry happened. It was very different from her hungry or her tired cry. That is

how babies communicate so their mom knows what's going on. All these body changes and growing will never stop.

Seeing how fast they change and grow makes me wonder, what would it be like to be around babies all the time? It would be my biggest dream! In 2026 once I have graduated I'm off to nursing school. I am going to be learning it all. I am learning that some babies aren't as lucky as others. It may be that they have no eyesight, no hearing, body problems, early diseases, fractures, heart issues, and even diabetes. Hearing all of this made me want to learn how to help them all. Now my next question is am I just going to treat them or do I take it further and decide to specialize in certain issues? I think I would choose to take care of the blind and deaf babies because I feel like eyesight and hearing are very important. I believe all babies should have the chance to see the beauty in the world, see their loved ones, hear laughter, and hear their siblings and parents voice.

I know it's going to take a lot of early mornings, late night homework, getting good grades, test taking, and patience to get my degree. My job is going to be making a difference in the lives of babies. It will make me so happy to know that I was able to help a baby get their hearing or their eyesight back. It will feel good knowing that I helped give a baby a chance in this beautiful world. I feel that all the hard work will pay off for both the babies and myself in the long run. I want to be that nurse the parents tell their loved ones, "This nurse named Phyllis helped my child have their eyesight and/or hearing." That's my dream!



Hayley Newitt

5th grade runner-up

Do you know what you want to be when you grow up? I do. When I grow up I want to be an illustrator for book covers. These are called graphic designers. I want to be a graphic designer for many reasons. One of those reasons is that I love to draw and design. In my free time I like to design anything I can. I can spend hours just doodling on some paper, and I never ever get bored while drawing. Another reason I want to have this career is I would get to meet famous authors, for example I might get to meet authors like, J.K. Rowling, Shannon Messenger or Brandon Mull. Those are the authors of my favorite books. Although this sounds like it would be a fun career, there's a lot of work I need to do to become eligible for such a well-paying job. In 2016, the salary for graphic designers got up to \$47,640. Graphic designers may get paid a lot but, school can cost up to \$60,000 per year, and it takes four to six years to complete your schooling. Sadly, there aren't any graphic designer schools in Colorado or close to where I live. This career is very competitive because you must try to keep your clients and get as many of them as

possible. You must be ready to fight off other professional photoshoppers. This would be hard for me because I don't do well without my family. I will not be making enough money to afford school no matter what my job is at the time. It would be a dream come true if I could design book covers for a living. It would be so cool if I got to design a *Keeper of the Lost Cities* book, or Harry Potter, or a brand new series. I just wish that school wasn't so expensive. I'm going to start learning PhotoShop now so that when I grow up I will have a head start. Even though school is so expensive, I won't give up on my dreams. This dream I may not be able to fulfill but I will try any ways. I am sure that I will find a job that I want to have that I'll enjoy and love. Obviously, this wouldn't be an easy job to get, but it is still something I want to do.



Emma Perry

5th grade runner-up

When I grow up I want to be a marine biologist, what do you want to be? This question pops into my mind when I see adults working. To become a marine biologist, I will get a degree in marine science, develop my character, stay energetic, and do research on marine biology.

First, to achieve this goal I will go to college and graduate school. To get to college and graduate school, I will study and work hard in high school, middle school, and elementary school. I will pay attention in class and keep my grades up. I will always do my work in class and never have missing assignments. I will go to college for understanding underwater plants like coral and seaweed and about underwater animals such as dolphins, orcas, fish, crabs, etc. I will make sure to get a degree in marine science in college.

Next, an important part to become a marine biologist is having character. I will need grit and determination because scientists don't discover things right away. I need to be able to try and fail. Marine biologists also need curiosity to ask questions like, "What temperatures are animals comfortable at?"

Equally important is being energetic so I can swim and observe underwater life. I will have to eat a big breakfast because that is the most important meal of the day. I will need to exercise every day to stay active. Working out at home such as stretching, running and gymnastics will help me stay active. I will not sit to watch TV or be on electronic devices too much. Being on electronic devices too much can

damage your brain. I will also do social activities and play with my pets to keep my brain healthy.

The last thing I will do is research on marine biology. I can go to the library and get books on underwater sea life. I could also go online to websites related to marine biology, like aquarium websites. I can ask my science teacher or a science Professor questions on topics like underwater plants and whale swimming patterns. Also I could go to an aquarium or zoo and gather information from workers there.

Clearly there are many steps to becoming a marine biologist. I will go to college and graduate school, grow in character, stay active, and do research on marine biology. These are a few of the most important steps that come to my mind. What comes to your mind when you think about what you want to be? Always remember you can be anything.



Leilah Wells

5th grade runner-up

“Passion is energy. Feel the power that comes from focusing on what excites you.” – Oprah Winfrey

I was around the age of nine when there was an urge that was triggered in me. I wanted to grow up and open my own neighborhood café. I wanted it to be a kind, friendly, comforting place. As the years went on I realized that if I wanted to open a place like that I’d need a lot of money to afford a building for that purpose. I started saving up for it right away. Even if I will have a job to help me, but just in cast it’s never a bad idea to have a little extra money in your pocket. I want a place that will be a hangout, a place for kids to do homework together, a place for people to become friends, and most of all a place to make memories.

I’ve already planned it out – the name will be Lazy Day Café, in other words LDC. We will sell so much like pastries, donuts, cakes, pies, drinks, sandwiches and so much more. We’ll have comfy couches, tables and chairs. Like most companies we will have our main basic colors, yellow, gray

and turquoise. Our symbol will be a coffee mug. Because I love seeing smiles on people’s faces I will also contribute to any soup kitchen I can. If I don’t succeed in opening Lazy Day Café I will open my own soup kitchen. It won’t be as much of a kitchen as a motel. There, we will ask for donations for food, sleeping bags, pillows and hygiene supplies.

We’ll also have a rule, you can stay there (if you want) for a week and a half if you at least give an effort to apply and get a job. Anyway, back to the topic. I hope that Lazy Day Café will be like Rye Café, but we’ll have air circulation, a heater, and air conditioning. If you’ve ever been to Rye you’ll know what I’m talking about. As you can see I love to help people and be kind. That is the woman I want to be.



Joanna Wietzke

5th grade runner-up

A poor pregnant African woman walks miles to the clinic run by Doctors Without Borders, worried for her baby. She had been in pain for hours, and finally makes up her mind that she was going to have her baby soon. She and her baby probably would have died if she had not gone.

We, in the United States, are very lucky that we have doctors and advanced medicine. People in many countries do not have these blessings. I want to be a pediatrician so that I can help people here and in other countries. I think it would be inspiring to join Doctors without Borders. I like helping people so this would be a perfect job for me. Then I wouldn’t just be doing something I enjoy, I would also be making other people’s lives better.

I know that I can start working to achieve this goal while I’m still young. I thought I could save my money to pay for a doctor’s degree. I can also try to get good grades in school, so that I will be ready when I get to college. When I get to college I will work hard and I hope I won’t have to take out too many loans. I know that I am extremely blessed with talent, and that the best thing to use it for is helping other people. The lives of everyone matters and we should treat all people with love.

Knowing that there are people in other countries who don’t have the blessings that we do makes me feel sad. I

really want to help them so that they can get better from their sickness and have the same advantages we have in America. We have so many good doctors and medicine. I don’t think many American’s appreciate how good we have it in our country. I want to help and show that a young girl can achieve, any girl, an American girl.



