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Dream Job: Immigration Lawyer

Earl Nightingale once said, "Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway." Ever since I have been little, my dream job has been an immigration lawyer and growing up a daughter of immigrants fueled this passion of mine. We live in America, the land of opportunity. Everyday, families sacrifice and risk everything moving to America and work for better lives for themselves through hard work and determination. If the American dream is "the aspirational belief in the US that all individuals are entitled to the opportunity for success and upward social mobility through hard work," then taking risks and wanting the best for your loved ones shouldn't result in deportation.

Clearly, becoming a lawyer would require a plethora of qualifications, so many sacrifices and a willingness to take risks just like an entrepreneur would have to be made. Virtual Enterprise class has taught me a lot, like starting a business is hard, yet worth it if you stay determined. An entrepreneur has confidence, diligence, independence, receptiveness, passion, resilience, etc. As a confident, passionate, and self-motivated person, law would allow me to be charismatic and state my argument with facts, persuade the court, negotiate deals, and balance work/personal life. Although I'm in the 8th grade, becoming a lawyer would require more school. Specifically, 7 years of committed study after high school, but it would be worth it because I'm going to help others in need and make my parents proud.

Taking a passion for law hits home because I am a daughter and sister in a family of immigrants. My parents are Mexican Immigrants who came to America for opportunity and

a chance to work. They wanted to make sure their future kids have good lives and better ones than they had growing up. We might not be rich money wise, but we are very prosperous in terms of family, love, food to eat and a roof over our heads. I stand out from others who also want to pursue law because I know what it feels like growing up afraid your parents will be ripped away from you since they weren't born here. I want to guarantee future generations don't have to grow up living afraid too. I want to help families get papers and feel accepted, since society treats immigrants inferior to "Americans." In reality we're all Americans because we all live here. Becoming an immigration lawyer would give me the opportunity to help others, make a difference in this "land of the free."

In summary, a law career path is my ultimate goal! I want to be the change this world sees and give hope to my community. Helping people fullfills me and unity is what we all need right now. Law would make me fair amounts of money allowing me to give back to those in need, start my own family, and take care of my parents like they do to me.