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When I was younger, I equated success with how much money I could make. However, I can be successful without being rich. I now understand that getting a job is not all about the salary. A good job is something that gives me fulfillment and is meaningful. I want to make a difference in the world and people's lives. My dream career is a paramedic.

A paramedic's daily tasks include responding to 911 calls for medical assistance, assessing a patient, deciding a patient's treatment and beginning treatment if necessary. A paramedic typically works 12-hour shifts. To be a paramedic, I must have a High School diploma and be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The median salary for a paramedic is \$31,110 and they can make up to around \$60,000; There is a 24% growth in the paramedic profession.

While the pay might not be as much as other professions, the work is rewarding. As a paramedic, I will be saving people's lives. Life is worth more than all the money in the world. If I was an accountant or business executive, I would not make as big of a difference as I would by being a paramedic.

In 2020, paramedics are more important than ever. As the cases of COVID-19 increase throughout the U.S, more people need paramedics and emergency care. While other professions cannot alleviate the problem of Covid, paramedics can. Paramedics are essential workers putting their lives on the line every day to save people. During a pandemic, paramedics are in high demand because more people need emergency care and treatment.

While I could be a doctor or a nurse and still help people, Paramedics are more important and in need. Without paramedics, patients would not even be able to make it to the hospital. Doctors and nurses wait for patients in the safety of a hospital, but paramedics travel to patients to save them and safely transfer them to a hospital. Paramedics have the most important job of trying to keep a patient safe while in a possibly dangerous situation for themselves and their patients.

Paramedics risk injury and disease to keep people safe. If a person is shot, paramedics will come. If a person has a heart attack, paramedics will be called. Their job matters when someone is in danger. Unlike many other professions, paramedics save lives every day and everywhere.

The main reason that I wish to become a paramedic is that paramedics once saved my life. Last year, I had an allergic reaction and couldn't breathe. My parents injected me with an EpiPen. However, it didn't work. My parents started to panic and called 911. Paramedics came and checked my breathing. They gave me some emergency medicine for immediate relief. They did a check-up to ensure the medicine would take effect. Fortunately, I started to feel better and I recovered. I survived that day because of paramedics.

I want to make a difference and help out my community. By being a paramedic, I can help people survive. While it might not be the most glamorous or well-paying job, it is honest work that helps out the community.