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My career aspiration is to one day become a Neonatal physician. I want to go into the medical field because science has always fascinated me, especially the biological part of science. I have ventured into other careers such as teaching and law, but it didn't really interest me as much. I first came to know about neonatology from a guest speaker that was introduced at a program that I was attending, they were a former neonatal nurse and hearing that their profession was to treat babies and hearing their experience in that field, sparked an interest in me to look deeper into the field of neonatology. As I learned

more about a neonatal physician and the role, it felt like it was the career that was for me. As an award recipient of the AnnieRuth Foundation's summer internship program, I was placed at the San Marco Community Center to complete my internship experience. *I was initially placed on a rotation schedule where I would shadow at various medical facilities, however, due to transportation issues, I was not able to be a part of the rotations.*

During my internship experience at the San Marco community center, I helped prep for the upcoming camps. I helped organize student information and digitized them, I created art and science activities and developed a list of materials that would be needed for the activities. Skills that I acquired during my internship are communication skills. I had to get out of my box and start socializing and communicating with my boss and the people that I work with to get the camps running. From This experience I learned that how you deal with one kid is not going to be the same as how you will have to deal with another child, this knowledge will be crucial as I will be working with kids on my journey to be a neonatal physician.

Joining the AnnieRuth Foundation's summer internship program has prepared me for my future. They have taught me how to prepare for job interviews, from the do's and don'ts of how to dress, to the importance of facial expression, and it has made me realize that there is so much that goes on to preparing for a job interview that I never knew about. In addition, this program has made me realize that it's okay if I change my career aspiration along the way; which has lifted a lot of weight off my shoulder because I always thought that I had to know what career path I wanted to take before I go to college. In addition, the program brings guest speakers from the medical field and many other careers and something I have learned is that it is important that I'm my own unique self because colleges and hospitals are looking for people that stand out from the crowd. All in all, this entire experience has been amazing and very beneficial to me as I plan for my future.