

Senior Statement

For my senior project I wanted to make sure I was doing a project on something that had my highest degree of interest. Knowing that I wanted it to pay off in the end, I decided to establish my project on plastic surgery. I have been planning on going to medical school for a while now and find surgery to be a very intriguing career. I had a broad spectrum but I knew that I wanted a topic that involved some form of surgery, health and beauty along with some psychology. What better way then to tie that all into plastic surgery!

I plan on first researching the composition of the skin. When I think of plastic surgery the first thing that comes to mind for me is skin. So I figured that would be the first step to my project. I also want to know what types of plastic surgery there are, if there are any specialties in this career and what kind of education and training is needed, the steps to becoming a plastic surgeon. I plan on incorporating my search for colleges into this project as well since I will need to pick a college based on the preparatory classes offered to prepare me for medical school. The last aspect of plastic surgery is psychology. I would like to know the patient's point of view on procedures along with how to categorize procedures as a health issue or a beauty issue. Looking into recovery time for patients as well is something that I plan on researching.

At the end of my study I hope to gain the knowledge of what really goes into becoming a plastic surgeon. During some point of the journey I would also really like to find a shadowing program that I could participate in. I think that seeing a burn unit if possible would be an amazing experience to add to this. My whole life I have enjoyed helping people and taking charge of things. From my standpoint right now I think that

plastic surgery would be an amazing topic to research. I hope that by the end I will still be interested in entering this particular field of study once graduating from high school. This will be the perfect way to find out if this is something that I truly want to continue to pursue.