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Dear UVA Medical Admissions,

I did not know I wanted to be a physician until my freshman year of high school when my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Throughout this time period, we saw many physicians and I slowly learned that this is what I wanted to do for the rest of my life – treat patients and hopefully make meaningful impacts on their lives. UVA seems to fit every one of my “needs” for medical school. I love that this medical school has an emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as biochemical research.

One of the main reasons UVA Medical School is one of my top choices is due to the close and noncompetitive community that it offers as well as its interest in biochemical research. Working in many research labs at Longwood have exposed me to the dire need of research especially in a field as everchanging as medicine. In addition, I love that the school works hard to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. Coming from a very small town with only around 100 people, it is nice to know that medical schools are looking for underrepresented members of the community. I plan on returning to a small town as a physician to service those members, but I appreciate that UVA also has similar values.

At Longwood University, I have had the opportunity to work independently with a professor researching different chemotherapy drugs. This biochemical research not only solidified my interest to pursue oncology in the future, but it allowed me to gain the lab skills necessary to work in labs at UVA medical school. In addition, I have been working as a medical assistant since January of 2022. Within this position, I have been able to chart patient encounters, learn different medications, write prescriptions to be approved by the doctor, and run the CEPHEID PCR COVID test machine.

I feel that I have the potential to make a difference at UVA medical school and succeed due to my small-town background and the experiences I gained at Longwood University. I am very interested in continuing my education at UVA. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter!