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When I was young, I wanted to be rich and famous. Cliché I know but it looked amazing. So, I idolized musicians, actresses, and even famous athletes for things that they had that I thought I wanted or needed. It is now that I am in my young thirties, I realize that I don’t want to rich or famous, I want a simple life. I want to provide for my family doing something I love every day with a partner to grow old with. Simple.

Although my journey to get to where I am was not easy, full of heartbreak and many failed attempts of being everything I needed and wanted to be for my son I realized that school was the ticket. Well it was a conclusion that I needed to make more money that lead to school. I love what I do. I am a care giver and always have been. I have been a certified nurses assistant for five years but my care giving ways started when I was a child. My mother always said she knew that I would be a good mother one day due to my nurturing ways. Who know that would follow me in my career as well. I have worked in nursing homes, independent living facilities, and in people’s private home and I am good at what I do. Currently I work in home care but without education there is little opportunity for upward movement. Continuing in the healthcare path I have decided to become a physician assistant.

I currently live 300 miles from my son. The amount of sacrifice that is made for our future is so immense that it moves me to tears often. Although he is young and does not know that I do this for him, I hope that a much older wiser version of him will understand. People often use their kids as an excuse to not pursue their dreams, but it is because of my son I choose to pursue mine. I want my son to know that you can be anything that you put your mind to and there is no rush to do it. Having a long-distance relationship with my son means many phone calls and although it breaks my heart, I love to hear him say he is proud of me. I tell him that all the time but for him to say it back to me means the world to me.

So, this is me, Dominique Martinez, an adult student at Old Dominion University. I am a biology major with plans to continue my education pursuing a master’s degree and becoming a physician’s assistant. Taking a chance on me know that I will not fail, it is not an option for me. I won’t let my son down. This is my pursuit for a simple life.