

***My Winding Path to Medicine:
From Undocumented Immigrant to Medical School Faculty***

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The Beginning

A Story about a Boy

The Foundation: Mi Familia, Mi Hogar



My Winding Path to Medicine

Elementary
School

Middle
School



Obstacles along the way



Except when you *don't*.
Because, sometimes, you *won't*.

Dr. Seuss

A word about Standardize testing

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Let's talk about money \$\$\$

- **College is expensive.**

- **Right now: Focus on Grades and your Essay. Not on the Money.**
- Many colleges are **need-based**.
- **Cost of Attending:** tuition, dorms, books, meals
- **Estimated Family Contribution:** based on income taxes, FAFSA etc
- **Demonstrated need:** What you are expected to pay with scholarships and loans.

**College #1 Cost of Attendance is \$77,000- Estimated Family Contribution is \$1,000:
Demonstrated Need: \$76,000.**

Key words to look for: *100% of need is met.*

Income cut-offs: Many schools will provide “full scholarships” for family incomes under \$60-\$100K.

Average household income in New London is under \$60, 000.

Importance of Mentors

3rd grade teacher

8th grade biology teacher

High school Counselor

College Adviser/Counselor

College Professors

Medical school Advisor

Medical school professors

Internal Medicine Residency advisors

Making a phone call



COVID Pandemic: Worked on COVID unit



The message

