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Why I Choose The HIM Profession And What I Hope To Do Through My Professional Affiliation.

I choose the HIM profession by chance. In April of 2007 I celebrated my 30th birthday, I woke up that morning hating my job and knowing that I was never going to advance from where I was. I had made it my goal to provide better for my family financially; so I had decided to take control of my future and, as a present to myself, enrolled at Lee College. Well now that I was enrolled, what was I going to study? I spent hours going over the Lee College catalog and the only thing that interested me was the Health Information Technology degree program. Not knowing what I was getting into or what exactly HIT entailed, I started my first semester at college. After a few weeks of classes I was confident that I had made the right decision about the HIT degree program. I was fascinated with all the information I was learning and couldn't wait to go to school every week. Now my goal was not only to make more money but to have a career and job that I would enjoy going to everyday. With a degree in health information technology the opportunities are practically limitless and I cannot wait to try them all.

As a health information professional I hope that I have the opportunity to improve communications between patients, healthcare providers, and insurance companies. I would like to be involved with the advancement of the Electronic Health Record. I believe that improving communication between providers and patients is vital to receiving the best healthcare. I believe that patients should be able to focus on getting well or receiving treatment, not worrying about paperwork and their health records. With every class I take I learn about the different career paths a health information professional can pursue, so as of now I have yet to decide what path I want to take. But I do know that I plan to make a difference in the health information field and in the lives of patients.