



# Kinna

## Future Physician

My name is Kinna, and I am from West Virginia. I am majoring in biology on the pre-med track with a minor in chemistry.

The chance to pursue higher education means so much to me and my family. I chose to study biology because I have always been drawn to the sciences and inspired by the possibility of becoming a physician who can serve others. My experiences growing up, such as helping to care for my sick grandfather, showed me firsthand the importance of compassionate healthcare and deepened my desire to pursue medicine.

At Alice Lloyd College, I also participate in the work-study program. Through this program, I serve as a Student Work Supervisor and as a Head Resident Advisor. These leadership positions have allowed me to contribute to campus life while also developing valuable communication, responsibility, and problem-solving skills. I know these experiences prepare me for the demands of medical school and the responsibilities I will hold one day as a physician.

Family and faith have always guided my path, especially during difficult times. While in college, severe flooding affected my family, bringing hardship and uncertainty. On top of that, my dad was laid off from the coal mines, leaving our family in financial difficulty. My mom worked long hours and even picked up an extra job to support us until my dad could find work again. Watching my parents work so hard and sacrifice so much made me even more determined to pursue my education and use it to give back. Those struggles taught me resilience and gave me the drive to make the most of the opportunities I have been blessed with.

Looking ahead, my long-term goal is to attend osteopathic medical school and return to Appalachia as a physician. I want to provide care to communities like my own, serve as a leader, and help break cycles of poverty by showing younger generations that they too can achieve their dreams. Giving back to this region is deeply important to me because I know how much it has given me. I hope to be a servant leader by providing quality healthcare and serving as a positive example for others, demonstrating that with hard work and determination, great things are possible even when opportunities seem limited.

Without your support, these opportunities would not be possible. Because of donors like you, students like me can pursue a quality education, remain close to home, and prepare to become servant leaders for our region. I want to sincerely thank you for investing in my future and in the future of Appalachia.

