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### 2023 High School Senior Scholarship Essay

When my mom was pregnant with me , an ultrasound showed a problem with my left kidney . There was a kink in my ureter : the tube that connects your kidney and bladder . When I was born , the doctors said the kink would work itself out . However at seven months old my kidney began to swell and it had to be removed . This was a very scary situation for my parents , but having a great pediatrician helped to ease their minds during this hard time . Doctor John Kennedy at Pediatrics in Brevard has been my doctor since I was a newborn baby . Now at eighteen years old and about to graduate highschool and move onto the next chapter of my life , I look back on everything he has done for me . It is impossible for me to choose one specific experience I had at Pediatrics with Doctor Kennedy to write about , as all eighteen years worth of visits have been meaningful .

One meaningful thing that Doctor Kennedy does that does not go unnoticed is caring not only about my health but about my personal life . During every visit Doctor Kennedy makes sure to ask how I am doing in school and sports . This is extremely important because for myself going to the Doctor's office can often be intimidating , but having a Doctor who cares about you personally takes your mind off of the reason you're there . I've played softball since I was eight years old and Doctor Kennedy has not only helped to keep me healthy to play , but talked about his own experiences playing baseball and even playing at the collegiate level . I even remember talking to Doctor Kennedy about my first day of pre-school and at my most recent visit we talked about my upcoming first day of college at The University of Florida . He connects with his patients on a personal level and this makes going to the doctor not as bad as people make it out to be .

The best part about Doctor Kennedy would have to be how thorough he is when with patients . He never takes anything lightly and always makes sure to check out anything that may be bothering me . Other doctors at places such as walk-ins seem as if they are rushing to get you out and move on to the next , but Doctor Kennedy always takes his time and makes sure all of my concerns are addressed . Doctor Kennedy has a genuine passion for medicine and it shows through the way he treats his patients . He has discussed everything even to the extent of vision , dental , etc . as he is extremely knowledgeable in all aspects of healthcare . He makes his patients feel extremely comfortable , by giving options and information for every situation . He never misses anything , as he makes sure that everything is touched on . Doctor Kennedy is the greatest all around Doctor that I have been treated by .