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One might ask what does a small town girl from Minnesota, who is married to a Taiwanese-American archeologist, believes in Karma, loves soccer, and despite almost four years of dental school has not lost her sense of humor or love for life, have to do with Endodontics? The answer is, well, everything. However, as an applicant I must use the personal statement platform to help you see the extraordinary qualities of Annie Hall within an ordinary format.

I have always enjoyed being involved with community service and helping those less fortunate. The Community Dental Clinic (CDC) is a UCSF student-run organization that provides dental care to the homeless, whose population in San Francisco is over 15,000. Leadership positions within the CDC were chosen by resumes of previous community service activities, leadership qualities, and the desire to reach out to the underserved. I was selected along with four other dental students for the three-year coordinator position to maintain the CDC. This required coordinating students' activities, recruiting faculty, and appealing to dental companies for donations. Clinically, the challenges of treating the transient population required us to be creative, motivated, and efficient in all areas of dentistry. In recognition of my commitment to help the underserved while maintaining a high level of scholastic performance, I received the Zelig Scholarship and California Dental Association Foundation Scholarship. The experience has motivated me to become an endodontist who is active in local community clinics.

During the last two years, I developed an interest in the field of endodontics, beginning with my didactic and laboratory pre-clinical courses. Under the mentorship of Dr. Woody Allen I have been introduced to many aspects of modern endodontic techniques. While shadowing and assisting the postgraduate endodontic residents I observed the use of microscopes, ultrasonic instrumentation, and surgical endodontic procedures. I have accepted the invitation to participate in the endodontic clerkship during my senior year. As a participant in the pre-doctoral endodontic literature review, led by Drs. Danny Rose and Hannah Sisters, I was able to discuss, debate, and understand fundamental principles in modern endodontics. Currently under the guidance of Dr. Sisters I am coordinating a clinical anesthetic research project investigating the efficacy of Name of Project Here.

My immediate goals are to pursue an advanced education in endodontics and develop a high level of proficiency in modern endodontic techniques. This will instill in me the confidence and skills to diagnose and treat complicated endodontic cases. My long-term goals are to be a board-certified endodontist of the highest quality, who is an asset to not only the dental community but also the community in which I live. I look forward to an endodontic residency program to help me accomplish my goals of achieving a comprehensive understanding of the complexities and intricacies of modern endodontics. Residency training and mentorship in a program that strives for excellence will enable me to be successful in private practice and as a volunteer in local community dental clinics.

I am eager to continue my education and specialize in the field of endodontics. I look forward to the intensity, excitement, and challenge of your program.