

# Jacquelyn Crawford

## Junior Biology Major



From a young age, I was taught the importance of giving back to the community. I was practically raised in a food bank where my mother volunteered during my toddler years, and when the economy turned bad, we never imagined that we might find ourselves in the same situation as the very people we were trying to help. However, when I was a freshman in high school, my father lost his job due to company closure. He spent six months unemployed and then a year underemployed making just above minimum wage to support a family of five. Our circumstances did not become as dire as others, but it had a huge impact on my life and opened my eyes to things many of us do not think about: basic needs. By the grace of God, my family slowly got back on its feet, and I truly believe this happened to lead me to my true calling of service. The following summer, I began volunteering with the Lunch Box Program, a nonprofit organization that provides hot nutritious meals to kids in my area absolutely free during the summer. Now I am proud to say that I am the coordinator of this program where we served over 4,000 meals last summer alone.

I have always had big plans for my life. When it came graduation time at my high school, I was number three in my class with a 4.0 and a 26 composite ACT score and, most of all, dreams of becoming a pediatric orthopedic surgeon. However, I also had two siblings, one of whom my parents were already struggling to put through college, and I had no hope for college funds. It appeared I had two options: not follow my dreams of higher education, or be buried in debt my entire life. That is how it was until I discovered the rare gem that is Alice Lloyd College. ALC not only gave me hope for a better future, but also a pathway towards actually reaching my life goals. I owe everything to this college and your generous donations for helping me reach my full potential.

Currently, I am a junior Biology major here at ALC, and my goal is still to become a pediatric orthopedic surgeon. Most recently, I have become a resident advisor. These past two years have been a true blessing on my life, and my only hope is to help others achieve their goals! In the future, I plan to continue a life of service—for it only seems right to give back to a community that has already done so much for me. It is my hope to continue my fight against childhood hunger and also lead a medical mission team through the Appalachian area. I have high hopes for a future where neighbors can work together to improve their communities. I strongly believe that a great way to do just that is through a donation to Alice Lloyd College, where you can help students like myself pave the way towards a better future. Thank you for believing in me enough to invest in my future. You will not be disappointed!

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.  
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