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Family Dentistry

Responsibilities:	At the Dentist office, it is my responsibility to ensure the cleanliness or the office instruments that are used in surgeries. When it comes to cleaning instruments, there are a couple of different steps to ensure that the instruments are sterilized to the highest quality possible. This means running all used instruments through the UltraSonic, and the cassettes that they are stored in through the Miele. Then, the instruments are bagged and run through the sterilizer, and afterward they are returned to the operating rooms they came from. It is also my responsibility to ensure the operating rooms and office areas are cleaned and set up for the next day that patients are to be seen.
Career Skills Learned:	Working in such an abnormal environment for a high schooler has given me a hard start in learning about the professional workforce. I have learned that dentistry entails far more than I ever could have thought, and that maintaining precision is the most important thing to remember. I have also learned several skills that will aid me no matter what I end up pursuing as a career, ranging from how to deep clean properly, and the importance of organization.
Life Skills Learned:	Entering the workforce so early in my life has taught me a lot of things, but the most important being that trust is a two-way street. The more I trust someone, the more I know they can trust me. I also learned the importance of being honest when mistakes are made, because the consequence will only aid in the learning process.
Benefits of the YA Program:	Although working at a dental office has a lot of benefits without involvement in the YA program, the YA program has encouraged continued and more in-depth training to ensure that I am doing my job to the best of my ability. YA has also served as a reminder to keep

	my work in the highest regard, as it is now something that can affect my GPA.
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