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1. Applying for college was a hard time for me. I remember holding myself to an incredibly high standard, and I wanted to get into an expensive top tier school. I sent out my application to multiple schools. I was accepted to one school. That school was the University of Tennessee. Although I was only accepted to one school, it was the least expensive. At the time I didn't know what I wanted to do after school. My freshman year I went to a health fair, while I was there I found out about the pharmacy program that was offered. I may have not got into the schools I dreamed of but I realized that failure can lead to opportunities. Getting accepted into pharmacy school has been one of the best things that has happened to me. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity that failure has brought me.
2. I responded to this failure by appreciating for the opportunity I was given. It made me realize failure can lead to new places.
3. I learned that life can take you many places. Where you think you are going is not always what is destined to be.
4. My mom motivates me to do everything I do. She is a two time breast cancer survivor and I do everything for her.