

## My Dream Job

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Have you ever noticed the most popular subjects for study for freshmen in university each year? If you have, you will see graduated secondary school students tend to choose 'promising vocations', such as Engineering, Finance, and Medicine. For me, there is nothing attractive about these jobs. In fact, I want to be a pianist more than anything else.

Let me first explain why I want to become a pianist. When I was young, my parents once took me to a concert once. There was a shy girl standing on the stage, and she looked very nervous. But as soon as she put her hands on the keys, she turned into a different person. She was no longer the timid girl the moment before. Her hands, arms and legs, all danced in the music. It was a perfect performance. I wondered if I could be a pianist like her, I would be so proud of myself. Then, I started to pursue my dream.

You may say being a musician will bring a gloomy and pessimistic future in this high-tech world. Probably yes. The saddening truth is that Artificial Intelligence (AI) and computer technology seem to be taking place in all aspects. AI can compose classical music masterpieces that even professional musician can't tell whether it is an artificial work or a synthesis. Even so, AI still has a long way to go before producing genuinely sentimental pieces. But AI might bring catastrophic destruction to the music industry, or even the whole world. From my point of view, human musicians can still stand on the peak, which will at least remain until my retirement!

I embarked on chasing my dream by taking piano lessons. Unfortunately, I lost the opportunity to enroll in a music school due to my parents' job moving. Within a few years, I held off from my piano because of my hectic study at school. I even did not touch the piano for months, even though it was sitting right behind me. It is true that academic performance is essential for my university admission. So, I was stuck in a dilemma --- to realize my dream, or to pursue a bright future? Then I thought why not take both? I just need to make a small compromise -- to keep piano as a hobby for the moment. It is never too late to chase my dream.

I believe I can start afresh my piano dream when I am in university. At that time, I will spend my leisure time on the piano and keep practicing it regularly. Also, I will

listen to more classical pieces and learn the history of music, such as the Baroque and Romantic periods. Moreover, it is crucial to broaden my horizons and expand my social circles in my university life. Besides, I will try my best to enter piano competitions as well, to gain some relevant experience.

Personally, I agree that those 'promising vocations', particularly doctors, architects and lawyers, can indeed serve the public, and contribute to the society. I am by no means belittling these occupations, but there are always different ways for people to serve the community. I belong to the minority who love art and music, and I will put more effort to realize my dream, just like other dream pursuers.