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I grew up in Beer Sheva. I come from a big family, and my parents immigrated to Israel from Morocco when they were children. I am the first of my family to attend college.

I study ultrasound technology here at Beer Sheva Technological College. This will be my second degree, because I have a BA in Education. One of my biggest challenges has been trying to identify what professional field is the right fit for me. I studied early childhood education for four years, and worked as a teacher. However, I realized that it was not really what I was meant to do. It took some time, but I knew the right thing for me was to go back to school and study something I was really passionate about.

I feel joy when I learn about ultrasound technology, rather than pressure—and that’s how I know it is the best for me. My dream job is to work in a hospital as an ultrasound technician. I want to help people. I understand getting an ultrasound can be a potentially stressful scenario, and I want to be able to make them feel at ease and comfort them during what is a very important procedure. World ORT Kadima Mada has transformed my life because I am finally learning something I love, and I will be able to help people in a professional setting while doing what I love to do.

Things have not always been easy for me, but I am determined to complete my degree. I work during the day as a bookkeeper and I take classes at night. When I started learning math here, it was challenging for me. I needed to learn at a higher level than what I had studied before, and I didn’t pass my initial math exams. I decided to really work at this, because I want to be here at school. I met with a tutor on a regular basis and I ultimately earned a 97% as my overall math grade. I never dreamed I would reach this level! I am excited to learn in my school’s brand new medical technology lab, and I am certain it will help me when I start working in this field.