

## Rochester Area Business Ethics Foundation Scholarship

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Often an individual may claim that they are in tune with their moral or ethical compass. In reality, many don't realize how being ethical really applies to their life. I worked for Partner's for Learning through the Center for Civic Engagement at Nazareth College. We worked at city school #2 in the urban city of Rochester. I would attend the school twice a week and be a tutor for homework help for those students who participated in the afterschool program in conjunction with Nazareth College. When I would attend school # 2, my job was not just to help them with their homework. My job was to also inspire them academically and show them that they should not disdain their academics but appreciate it and realize that obtaining a solid education is one of the most important things they could do for themselves. Contrary to this, I could have just showed up, done the minimal in helping them understand their homework and leave it at that. This would be unethical on my part. Part of the objections for Partner's for Learning is to do more than just tutor. It was to also be a mentor and an example to these students in which many are economically disadvantaged but also lack the parental encouragement to do well in school. I was being paid to treat this job more than just a job and if I had not done so, it would be unethical on my part. During my freshmen year of college, I worked at a franchise store called Kid to Kid in Greece. We would have a mixed pool of customers enter our store. What was crucial was ethical treatment of customers. Customers of different ethnic and economic backgrounds would visit our store, but I as an employee had to make sure I approached every customer in the same professional manner and be ready to assist them with whatever they needed. Through my employment at Partner's for Learning and Kid to Kid, I would strive to live

out my ethical values. When I transition from my college career to my professional career in the business arena, I will continue to incorporate my ethical values into my life and work.