

## “Blue Hope”

We all have a past that has led to the cultivation of our current persona. These events have shaped us into the individuals that stand before you today, and the recognition and acceptance of these events are how we learn to move forward into our future. Hopefully, these lessons will turn into positivity, but that only happens when we open ourselves to change and scrutiny. I compare this to healthcare in hopes that we can take the misjudgment or mistreatment of patients and convert those situations into new ways to improve how we help those in our care. In this work I use the toxic and dying roots to symbolize the dark and harmful environment that healthcare participated in and had them flourish in a beautiful and vibrant tree. This is to show that we can grow from the darkness and move forward into something bright and welcoming, something like the tree of life.

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