## **PERSISTENCE**

Have you ever had the experience of knowing what the correct action in life is for you? Many people do not have direction early in life. For some there is never even a hint!

This is not the case with Pearl. Pearl was diagnosed with a rare medical condition at a young age. Whilst at the doctor she was told that in fact the probability of her reaching her sixteenth birthday was unlikely.

For most of her school life she did not bother to study as this she felt would be a waste of time seeing that she would not live beyond sixteen years of age. Her attitude being such did not result in her school work being "up to scratch" to say the least.

However, one day she decided that it would be a good idea to become a doctor and so help people with a similar disease. Unfortunately, she was already in Grade 10 and her marks would not enable her to enter any University.

At first her parents were not keen on this idea but to their better judgement allowed Pearl to follow her dream. She was most adamant and determined to become a doctor. Not many teenagers would have the foresight and courage to do this.

This brave young woman decided to go back and re-do that year thereby giving her three years in which time she could improve her results. This is not easy step to take, especially with pier group pressure. However, Pearl did this and was rewarded with a University Entrance pass.

If one person can do this then others can too!!

"If it is to be it is up to me"