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# Dr. Sumayah Taliaferro

**My ideal client:** As a dermatologist, I specialize in conditions of the skin, hair, and nails. I treat patients of all ages who have concerns in these areas and enjoy treating patients who wish to look their best and age gracefully!

**What is your purpose?** To provide the best care in my field while doing my part to build a stronger community.

**What was the greatest challenge that you had to overcome on the road to making your purpose a reality?** Moving past the fear of working on my own in the changing landscape of medicine. Building my own practice.

**What life experience led you to feel driven to follow your purpose?** I learned early in school that I had an aptitude for science. I was involved in numerous science fairs on a local and state level. However, when I became a semi-finalist for the Westinghouse Science Competition, I knew that I had what it takes to become a

physician or research scientist. I chose medicine for the direct impact it would have on people's lives.

**What part of your purpose gives you the greatest joy?** A happy, satisfied patient brings me joy! Making a difference in the lives of others is gratifying. It is a great privilege to practice both medical and cosmetic dermatology. Helping my patients look their best instills confidence and enables them to perform at their best. Recognizing a skin sign of an internal disease (e.g. lupus, thyroid disease, cancer) brings satisfaction as well because it potentially saves a patient from more severe disease through early detection.

**What advice do you have for women who are still in search of their purpose?** Pay attention to what makes you happy and write it down. Often, you can find a way to make a living from an aspect of that particular interest. Make prayer a part of your life for spiritual guidance.

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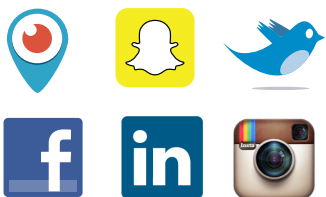
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