



# Student Ambassador Spotlight

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**Q How did you select your college major?**

**A** Growing up in a very medically oriented family (my dad is a doctor, and my mother, a nurse) the transition to biology felt very natural.

**Q What was the biggest influence in your selection of major?**

**A** My father was the biggest influence in my selection. He continues to serve as an inspiration in my life.

**Q If you could go back to high school and select any elective course to take that would have better prepared you for college, what would it be?**

**A** I would return to high school and take Physics earlier, as well as Physics II, because I feel my understanding in the subject is lacking greatly.

**Q What is your favorite aspect of your major?**

**A** My favorite aspect of my major is the opportunities for hands on experience that have direct applications further down the line.

**Q How does you/your major make a positive impact on society/our community?**

**A** In addition to raising awareness about environmental concerns in the world today, biologists all over the world strive continuously to make the world a better place for not only mankind, but also all the other organisms in the world.



**Q What's the most interesting thing you have been able to do in your college career?**

**A** So far, the most interesting thing I have been able to do in my college career is working in the biology and chemistry labs. The experiments in these two labs were not only interesting, but helping me to gain a further understanding of the concepts.

**Q What makes you get up each morning excited about your major?**

**A** Getting up each morning knowing that I am moving toward making the world a better place and helping people makes me excited about my major when I wake up.

**Q What advice would you share with K-12 students who are considering your major?**

**A** To those considering Biology, or even merely science in general as a major, I offer the same advice my father gave me when I was growing up: "There will always be someone bigger, stronger, or smarter than you. You can't control that. But what you can control is how hard you work and how you treat others, and that's what counts in the end anyway."