# STEM AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

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## How did you select your college major? What was the biggest influence?

I've always loved building things and science kits, so I always knew I wanted to be an engineer. In high school, I got really into medicine and considered becoming a doctor. However, I knew medical school was not for me, so biomedical engineering was a perfect medium between the two.

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

Stick with it unless you really don't like math. It will be difficult and frustrating at times, and if you know math is something you don't want to put effort into, you won't do very well. Otherwise, stick with it if you are willing to push through the difficult times.

### What high school elective course do you wish you had taken to better prepare you for college?

I wish I had taken physics. My school did not offer it as a regular course, but it would have helped me with many of my engineering classes.



#### When you aren't in class or studying, what can you be found doing in your spare time?

In my spare time, I can be found spending time with my friends playing video and board games.

#### What motivates you to get out of bed and go to class every day?

Fighting gender stereotypes and proving that I am worthy of being an engineer motivates me to go to class every day and strive to do my best.

#### How do you or your major make a positive impact on society/our community?

My major is innovating the healthcare industry, saving countless lives every day.

What do you look forward to the most while being a STEM Ambassador?

I'm looking forward to meeting new people and giving kids the opportunity to be more involved in STEM while they are young.

