

Honors Alumni Spotlight:

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What have you been doing since graduation?

I did take some time off of school once I graduated. I decided to return to CSU and pursue a post-bacc certificate in order to apply to a Physician Assistant Program.

How did the Honors Program help prepare you for success?

I am so grateful to have been a part of the Honor's Program at CSU. Not only does an Honors degree give you a "one-up", it better prepares you for your career. I was one of those students throughout high school that could have always used more of a challenge than what was being taught in the classroom. The Honor's program curriculum allowed me to take classes outside of my major that I probably would not have taken otherwise. It exposes you to more than just your interests and pushes you to really stay on track for graduation. Nothing feels better than walking across that stage and knowing the last four years have finally paid off!

Is your chosen field what you expected as an undergrad?

Yes and no. I was very interested in politics, but what I actually took away from the program was the ability to critically think and write. I wasn't discouraged, though, once I realized my undergrad major wasn't my main interest anymore. As it turns out, I realize more now than when I graduated how valuable ANY degree is in ANY major. Even though medicine and political science are two totally different fields, I learned skills during my undergrad that still benefit me in my new field.

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to be a Physician Assistant. The new healthcare policy is totally reforming the way patients are treated, and PAs will be in high demand once all is said and done. Also, it is a great alternative for those who are not sure if medical school is for them. It's the best of both worlds!

Do you have any advice for current Honors Students?

My advice for current students is to always remember to have a good balance in your life. As a student, we are so focused on school and homework that we forget there is anything else in life. While you are busy working your tail off for that degree, also remember to enjoy your time in college. Make time for yourself! Now that I have graduated, I am able to look back and say I had a happy, well-rounded experience because someone else gave me the same advice.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

In 5 years, I hope to see myself practicing as a Physician Assistant in a local Cleveland Hospital.

