



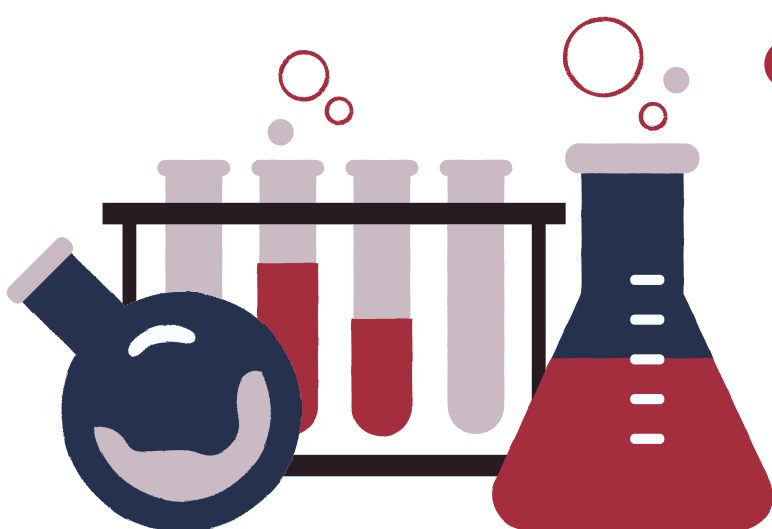
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EXPLORING EARLY ON

I took advantage of opportunities early on, beginning in high school. I participated in science fairs, Boy's State, varsity athletics, the National Honor Society and the US National Chemistry Olympiad. It was important that I pursued all of my interests.



RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

It was not until after undergraduate that I engaged in more "traditional" research. I conducted research at the Yale School of Public Health for 2 years as a Graduate Research Fellow. This experience allowed me to learn many of the foundational techniques in molecular biology.



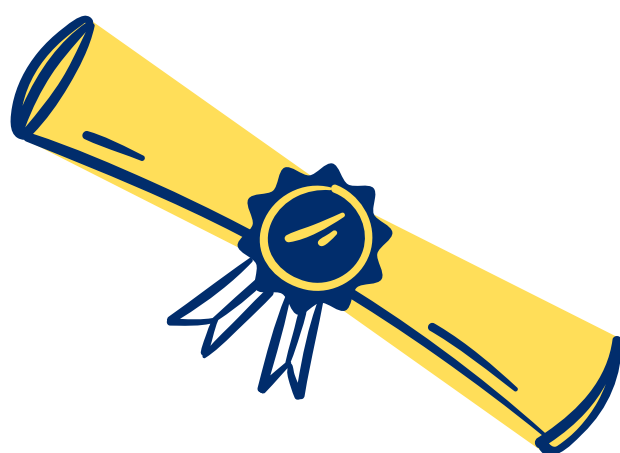
HIGH SCHOOL

I found that AP classes like Biology, Chemistry, History and Calculus to be the most helpful and exposed me to college-level coursework. I also found great, energetic teachers who made learning fun and worthwhile!



UNIVERSITY

I initially majored in Chemical Engineering before switching to Biochemistry, which gave me a later start on research opportunities and internships. However, I got the opportunity to assist a professor in the Biochemistry Department with curriculum development. This experience reinforced my passion for teaching and motivated me to become a professor.



HINDSIGHT IS 2020

I wish I hadn't dismissed community college. When I was in high school and looking at my future educational opportunities, I believed that the only way to get ahead was to attend a major college/institution for the entire four years. I now realize that this couldn't be farther from the truth. Community colleges offer an amazing low-cost educational experience.

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