

Alumni Success Stories



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After graduating in the top ten of my class at L'Anse Creuse High School North in 2000, I attended Michigan State University, where I received my Bachelor of Science in molecular biology in 2004. While at MSU, I was a member of Lyman Briggs College, a residential college focused on the study of the natural sciences, was active in the MSU chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and worked as a lab assistant in a research lab that studied pesticide alternatives.

After leaving MSU I began working as a research assistant at Wayne State University, a position I held for eight years. I worked in various lab settings, including one that studied the effects of blast-induced traumatic brain injury. I am a contributing author on three research papers as a result of my work in the different labs. In 2008 I began working on my Master in Library and Information Science, with a concentration in health sciences, and graduated in May 2011. While a student at Wayne State I received the Miriam T. Larson Memorial Endowed Scholarship (2010-2011), given to Library and Information Science students interested in the health sciences, as well as the Metro Detroit Medical Library Group Health Sciences Award (2011) and the Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association Student Conference Scholarship (2010). In addition to my class work I completed an internship at the Helen L. DeRoy Medical Library at Providence Hospital in Troy, and volunteered at the Shiffman Medical Library at Wayne State University and the Troy Public Library. I graduated in the top of my class at Wayne State and was recently inducted into the Beta Tau Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, which is the international scholastic honor society for Library and Information Science.

Shortly after completing my Master in Library and Information Science I was offered a full-time faculty position at Michigan State University as the Health Sciences Educational Technology Librarian. I also serve as the Liaison to the College of Human Medicine – Grand Rapids. My position is unique because I work at both the main campus in East Lansing and at the new Secchia Center location in downtown Grand Rapids. I am active regionally in both the Mid-Michigan and Western Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Associations, and I serve as the mid-Michigan representative on the board of the statewide Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association. Nationally, I am a member of the Medical Library Association, the Special Libraries Association, and was accepted as a provisional member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals. I currently live in Lansing with my husband in a beautiful old Sears Catalog home that was built in 1930.

My time at L'Anse Creuse High School - North

I was a student in the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools from kindergarten all the way through graduating high school. My time at LCPS helped set the foundation for my future success in life, teaching me the value of hard work and perseverance. I had many wonderful teachers who were truly dedicated to their students and wanting them to succeed in whatever they did. One lesson that has stayed with me throughout life is that it is never wrong to ask a question, no matter how simple you may think the answer is. I also made many friends over the years at LCPS, some of which I am still close to this day.