

# I'm a Biologist!

I am very excited to be officially called a biologist! While I do plan on going to graduate school, I have decided on taking a short break, probably one year, just to gather some more experience in the field. So far I have applied for several teaching positions within the school system, for tutoring at some universities, as well as laboratory positions in research facilities. My goal is to continue doing Biology during my break, in any way possible.

I would like to thank the Women in Science program, for all the support. Financially, I was able to buy my books every semester, without concerning myself about where that money was coming from. Academically, my fight to graduate with a 3.98 GPA was inspired by the first Women in Science conference that I attended, where Dr. Marty St. Clair was the main speaker. Her description of her work in the lab and how a relentless attitude, even in the worst days, does pay off, gave me goosebumps! She embodied what I wanted to one day become. That speech, fueled my spirit to be the best I could be, and graduate Summa Cum Laude.

I'm thankful for being a scholar in the Women In Science Scholars program. It made a huge difference in the outcome of my undergraduate career! I urge other female students to talk to their college about becoming a Women In Science Scholar.

- Ana Tognasoli



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