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I am a first-generation college student. I began my college experience with an interest in Psychology and declared it as my first major. I continued on the course to obtain my bachelor's degree in this field until my sophomore year of undergraduate school. At this time, I started to get involved with research on campus. After the first two studies that I assisted with, I realized that I had a knack for and a love of research. I loved working with statistics, cleaning data, and running studies. I then decided to follow Statistics as a second major. This changed the course of my education and adjusted the focus of my studies.

I am now a graduate of the Psychology and Statistics programs at North Dakota State University. I continue to participate in several research labs on campus to help out my fellow students and to gain more experience. I am also an alumna of the McNair Scholars Program and continue to do research under my mentoring professor. I've also had the honor of working with professional researchers involved in eating disorder research at the Neuropsychiatric Research Institute. I was able to contribute as third author on a paper accepted at the International Journal of Eating Disorders a couple of years ago and first author on a paper in press at the same journal last year. For work, I am a full-time night supervisor at a local group home for developmentally disabled individuals and on off-days work as a psychiatric technician at a local psychiatric and addictions hospital. In my free time I volunteer at a local Rape and Abuse Crisis Center, Red River Zoo, Fargo VA Hospital, and Bethel Church. These activities have encouraged a wide range of interests, specifically those involving at-risk populations.

Much of the research that I do with SAS is on my own as it is not a well-known program at my university. However, I have been an active participant in MWSUG 2011, 2012, and 2013, NESUG 2013, SASGF 2013 and 2014, PharmaSUG 2013 and 2014, and Analytics 2012 in order to expand my SAS knowledge and network with other SAS users. I have won scholarships to the majority of these conferences and have developed professional relationships with a few new mentors. I've also become a member of the local Red River SAS Users Group in order to socialize with other SAS programmers and statisticians in my area. This is my first time speaking at a Wisconsin Illinois SAS Users Conference, and I am excited for this new expansion in my network.

I graduated in December 2013 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Psychology, an additional major in Statistics, and a minor in Business Administration. I am currently filling out applications to pursue a Master's degree in Biostatistics before applying for a doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology and Psychological Research at an APA-accredited university. After (or while) I receive my doctoral degree, I will further my education by getting a medical degree in Psychiatry to support my career as a clinical researcher specializing in pharmaceutical and therapy research for major psychiatric disorders. I also plan on doing some teaching and clinical practice through a private, institute, or hospital setting. Through my work, I plan on continuing my SAS education and hope to assist in creating a stronger footing for SAS in the world of behavioral science and psychiatric medicine.