



**Name:**

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**Major:**

B.S. Psychology, Pre-Medicine, '15

**Anticipated Graduation Date:**

May 2015

**Why UND?**

I chose UND because of the wonderful academic reputation, the beautiful campus, and the closeness to home.

**Aspirations:**

A practicing physician (pediatrics and cardiology).

**How is UND helping you realize that dream?**

I have learned valuable information both inside and outside of the classroom that is applicable to my future. UND has given me many opportunities to get involved, succeed in my classes, and meet lasting friends! Living in Grand Forks has also given me the opportunity to work at Altru Hospital as a Certified Nursing Assistant, which has assured my aspiration of working in the medical field. The professors and faculty at UND are tremendous, and truly care about the success of their students!

**What else have you been involved with as a student?**

I became a UND Student Ambassador my first semester at UND; I was excited to help new students and families who came to campus. After being a member for a year, I applied to be a part of the Executive Board, which is a group of students within the Student Ambassadors who oversees meetings, events, and play a role as committee chairs for Homecoming and Alumni Association. In addition, I have become a member of various honor societies on campus, such as Phi Eta Sigma, Psi Chi National Psychology Honor Society, and Mortar Board. Through them, I have volunteered for after school program, and an annual Turkey Basket Drive for families in the Grand Forks community in need. I have recently been selected to be a part of Dr. Lori Ressor's Cabinet of Student Leaders, and I am excited to start sharing my leadership experience and ideas with other exceptional students at UND!

UND has given me the confidence to try new things and travel the world! I spent four weeks in Sri Lanka last summer fully immersed in the culture: eating the food, shopping the markets, and surviving the chaotic traffic, all while volunteering at an orphanage for disabled children and adults, and a shelter for disabled sea turtles. This has truly been a humbling experience, and I hope to travel more in the future.

**How has philanthropy impacted you?**

This year, I received a generous scholarship from a UND alum to help aid in the cost of applying to medical school. I offer up a big “Thank You” to the donors of the Guy and Edith Hanawalt Pre-Med Scholarship!