



### **About me:**

My name is Rachel Eddy. I am currently a senior Undergraduate in the School of Biological Sciences. I was raised in a tiny South Louisiana town called Sorrento and spent most of my life in the surrounding slightly larger towns of Gonzales and Prairieville. I graduated from St. Amant High school in 2014 at the top 10 of a graduating class of over 400 students.

I enrolled at Tech with the long-term goal of going directly to medical school afterwards. However, I have since realized that while I am passionate about helping people, I am also passionate about helping animals. Growing up in a rural area surrounded by animals and nature has led to a deep respect for all living things, especially those who do not have the means to care for themselves. It is my goal to improve the lives of both animals and people by becoming a DVM/PhD and applying both my love of animals and dedication to the pursuit of knowledge to a career in veterinary pathology. I will be graduating at the end of Spring quarter 2018 and taking a gap year before beginning my next step in education. I intend to apply to Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences to obtain a degree in veterinary medicine before beginning a PhD, possibly in biomedical research.

### **Mentors:**

Working in the lab of Dr. Jamie Newman has taught me the value in never losing the need to ask "why" and to never stop striving to do better. Dr. Newman and her collaborator, Dr. Caldorera-Moore, have always set high standards for the students in their lab, and I will be forever grateful for being pushed to better myself as a student and researcher. My experience at Tech would not have been complete without the guidance and knowledge shared with me by Dr. Newman and all the wonderful professors and graduate students in the Biology department. I am also thankful to my family back home, who have allowed me to spread my wings and support me no matter where my ambitions may take me.

### **Quote:**

"A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life." - Charles Darwin