



My name is Tia Me-lene Timerding. I am from Shreveport, Louisiana and a graduate of C. E. Byrd High School. I enrolled at Louisiana Tech University thinking I was going to major in Biology but decided to major in Medical Technology.

Why did I pick Medical Technology? I have always had a fervor for knowledge and education. I first developed an interest in the medical field when I was a child. My curiosity as to how the body works has always engrossed my interest. My excitement grew exceptionally as I excelled in my high school biology courses and my passion for healthcare only amplified once I became surrounded by like-minded people in my undergraduate experience. For as long as I can remember, I have only wanted to help people. I remember the moment when I realized that, for me, no other career in healthcare would be as rewarding. I cannot fathom any other trade that gives me the ability to start working a hands on profession in the laboratory sciences as quickly

as Medical Technology.

So many things about this program made me love it even more, but my favorite thing about this program would have to be how personal it was. I have studied the majority of my time here at Tech under my advisor, Vanessa Johnson, and I love how exclusive she makes the learning experience for each and every student. The MedTech community has helped me grow to love healthcare even more. I have had the opportunity to study with the same people who are traveling the same journey and we all keep each other motivated.

My time at this great university is winding down but I will never forget the quality of schooling, the staff, and my fellow classmates that have made this college adventure so memorable, exciting, and most importantly, inspiring. I've always believed that knowledge is power and power is money – it's a good thing that at Louisiana Tech, education and knowledge are in no short supply.

At Louisiana Tech I found an education worthwhile. I am proud to be a Bulldog. I will ever loyal be!