



My name is Eva Burt Edinger and I am from Ruston, LA. I am currently a senior at Louisiana Tech University majoring in Biology/Pre-Medicine and minoring in Chemistry and Psychology. Growing up, I always enjoyed helping and serving others and in the 7th grade I became extremely interested in science. My family and teachers encouraged me to work hard, stay focused, and chase after my dreams. That's when I decided I would pursue a career in medicine. I have also faced several medical adversities that influenced my decision to lead a life of caring for others. At 15 months old, I underwent heart surgery to correct a congenital atrial septal defect and at 14 years old, I underwent back surgery to correct a severe case of scoliosis. The relationships formed with my doctors and medical staff, were filled with genuineness and trust. They gave me hope, love, and friendship. I aspire to possess these same kinds of

relationships with my patients one day. My life experiences have ultimately shaped me into the person I am today and have guided me towards medical school and a career as a physician. Louisiana Tech University has provided me with the education and tools that will help me excel in any area of life. I am thankful for my "Tech family", as well as my "Applied and Natural Sciences family" for preparing me for my future endeavors and always believing in my capabilities. My plans after graduation are to take a gap year, work in a hospital or clinic, and apply for medical school admission 2018.

"Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible." *Helen Keller*