

Hannah Straub – Class of 2017

Describe your college experience; Where you attended; Your major(s) both undergrad and graduate; A couple of your favorite things about your college experience.

I am currently a senior at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA studying Health Management Systems and pre-med. Throughout my college experience, I was able to explore options in the healthcare field by taking high level science classes as well as health administration and business classes. At Duquesne, I was also able to challenge myself athletically by joining the Division I rowing team. Rowing has definitely shaped my college experience in a positive way because I was able to represent my school, learn new athletic skills, and develop life-long relationships with my teammates and coaches.

What are you currently doing from a career or education standpoint?

Over the summer, I completed a remote internship with Duquesne Athletics assisting them with their transition to telemedicine during the COVID-19 pandemic. After graduation, I plan on working in the healthcare field and attending grad school in the future.

What are some of your favorite things you like to do in your personal time?

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, staying active, and exploring all of the fun things to do Pittsburgh.

How did Saint Joe's impact you? And how are you using the things you learned at Saint Joe's today?

Saint Joe's impacted me greatly because I learned not only how to succeed academically, but also in life. From my first day at Saint Joe's to my last, I was taught how to incorporate its four pillars, faith, scholarship, leadership, and service, into everything I do. No matter if I am studying for exams, competing in a rowing race, or volunteering in the community, the lessons I learned at Saint Joe's are included in everything I do.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about type 1 diabetes awareness and research for a cure. As a type 1 diabetic myself, I have joined and created teams that raised money and participated in awareness walks in both State College and Pittsburgh for JDRF. This is an organization that funds diabetes research and advocates for access to new therapies for everyone affected by type 1 diabetes. Combined, all of the JDRF teams I have participated on have raised over \$5,000 and I hope to continue raising awareness!

One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses:

Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

Hannah Straub (in red) and family enjoying time at Walt Disney World in early 2020

