

Peter Forstmeier— Class of 2018

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 a currently a junior at Penn State main campus majoring in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology with a minor in Microbiology. I have enjoyed my experiences in a research lab, and on the club swim team. I enjoy meeting and getting to know new groups of people.

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

I am earning my B.S. currently, and I am planning graduate education before joining the workforce.

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

I love mountain biking, swimming, hiking, reading, and writing.

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

Saint Joe's helped me learn that I love science, in particular the excellent science teachers at SJCA fostered that in me. Had I not learned that, I would likely be studying in a field I would not be 100% committed to in order to get a job I wouldn't love. Luckily, I had Saint Joe's to help me realize what I wanted to do with my life.

What are you passionate about?

I love exploring and I love learning. I find that the two are often intertwined.

One of your favorite quotes or Bible verses:

"The first gulp from the glass of natural sciences will turn you into an atheist, but at the bottom of the glass God is waiting for you" – Werner Heisenberg.

Peter (left) with his brother Michael (right) in summer 2020 before a camping trip.

