Student spotlight

Sarah Norris

PSYCH UNDERGRADS WHO HAVE CHOSEN UNIQUE ADVENTURES

Sarah earned majors in Psychology and Microbiology May 2014. She will attend Marian University—College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fall 2014 and plans to become a pediatric neonatologist. Sarah was a member of the ISU swimming and diving team, Alpha Phi Omega-service fraternity, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and participated as a research assistant in the Psychology Identity Development Lab.

What has been your favorite Psych class or academic project?

I thoroughly enjoyed Psychology 383, Psychology and Law, taught by Dr. Madon during the spring. Learning about all the crazy things people have done and how our legal system responds is so interesting.

What is your favorite ISU memory?

I will never forget the Iowa-Iowa State football game. It was my birthday weekend and ISU beat Iowa in 3 overtimes! Even though Ames hadn’t seen sun or felt warmth in what seems like forever, that day in 2011 was the hottest I remember as I sat in the top balcony of Jack Trice. When ISU won, I ran to the field to join the fans and players in celebration. The next day, the swim team had team pictures and everyone was sunburned and had outlines from sunglasses and white remnants of the temporary Cy tattoos we had worn.

Advice to younger students:

Get in a research lab early! It’s great experience and so interesting and you have the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with professors. Ask questions! There is a lot you will learn and you will need help and advice along the way. Find someone you can relate to and trust who can guide you to all the fun and pertinent classes you’ll enjoy to see how they will relate to the career you are pursuing, help you find relevant experiences and help you make your future a reality.

Know another awesome Psych student who should be highlighted? Contact Psych Advising: psychadv@iastate.edu