

Allentown Rotary Club Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship Program 2011-2012

Hello Rotary Club Members!

July 13, 2011

My name is Samantha Hanna and I was one of the selected recipients of the 2010-2011 Roger and Louise Mullin Scholarship Program. I am not only pleased, but also honored to have the opportunity to receive this award. I would like to express my utmost gratitude to you as this scholarship has and will certainly continue to assist me in the years to come by deflecting some of my college expenses.

As a rising sophomore at Lehigh University, I am currently pursuing a Bachelor of Sciences in Behavioral Neuroscience. Beginning in the Fall of 2011, I will be continuing my studies by enrolling in several courses in addition to participating in a research program which I was recently accepted into. This program, known as the Lehigh University SEA Program involves a joint alliance between Lehigh and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. It grants a group of twenty students the opportunity to participate in a two semester research-based phage genomics course. During the terms of these subsequent courses, I along with my peers will be obtaining and analyzing a wide scope of virus-infecting specimens known as bacteriophages. Such studies will be carried out in the effort to successfully map the genomes of such organisms through sequencing and gene annotation methods. Our experiments will

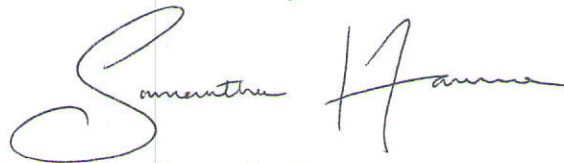
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incorporate a variety of techniques that span several disciplines, including microbiology, molecular biology, genomics, and bioinformatics.

In addition to my academic course load, I plan on joining several new extracurricular activities all throughout campus including but not limited to the Lehigh University American Medical Student Association (LUAMSA). It is my goal to become more and more involved in the many organizations and research opportunities that Lehigh has to offer in order to broaden my experiences.

Lastly, I plan to continue working at my two jobs both on and off campus. Though I know it will be quite a busy year, I am certainly anxious to tackle the challenges it will bring! Again I would like to thank you for your generosity in granting me this scholarship and I hope all is going well for the Rotary Club! I look forward to keeping in touch!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samantha Hanna". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S" and a distinct "Hanna" at the end.

Samantha Hanna