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Graduated in May 2006 with BS in Behavioral Neuroscience and BS in History, JN Andrews Scholar

LABORATORY RESEARCH:

My specific project consisted of looking at the phonotactic selectivity of female crickets (*Acheta domestica*) to the male calling song following injection of picrotoxin (PTX) into the prothoracic ganglion.

MY CRICKET FRIENDS:

Crickets have “personalities” and they have the ability to change their behavior in response to varying stimuli. On a basic level, crickets actually have the ability to learn and make decisions like we do.

OUT OF THE LAB:

I like to road bike, run, read, ski, travel, eat good food, and spend time with my girlfriend.

PLAN AHEAD:

Getting my masters in neuroscience, going on to medical school, and then specializing in either pediatric neurosurgery or skull base surgery. My dream is to go into academic medicine.

AU EXPERIENCE:

I have been taught to strive for excellence in everything that I do. The context of a Christian education has allowed me to grow in my faith and to mature in an environment that encourages spiritual growth alongside the academics.