

BLUE DEVIL ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

WITH AMANDA KATCHMAR

Q. WHAT YEAR DID YOU GRADUATE FROM OLD FORGE HIGH SCHOOL?

A. I GRADUATED NOT TOO LONG AGO, IN 2018.

Q. DID YOU ATTEND ANY SCHOOLING AFTER OLD FORGE HIGH SCHOOL?

A. I'VE JUST FINISHED MY FIRST SEMESTER AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY, WHERE I'M MAJORING IN BIOLOGY WITH A SPECIALIZATION IN CELL BIOLOGY, MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, AND GENETICS.

Q. WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOWCASE?

A. I'M A MEMBER OF THE KILACHAND HONORS COLLEGE, SO I GET TO ATTEND SOME PRETTY COOL SEMINARS AND CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS, SUCH AS A PANEL ON THE ETHICS OF GENETIC ENGINEERING, OR A FORUM WITH SHAMELL BELL, A FOUNDER OF THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT. I'VE ALSO GOTTEN THE CHANCE TO ATTEND RESEARCH SEMINARS THROUGH THE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT -- SOMETHING THAT I DIDN'T THINK I'D BE ABLE TO DO IN MY FIRST SEMESTER!

Q. HOW HAS AN OLD FORGE EDUCATION PREPARED YOU FOR WHERE YOU ARE TODAY?

AS AN OLD FORGE GRADUATE, I'VE BEEN SUPPORTED BY MY TEACHERS, PEERS, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY, AND I WOULD NOT BE WHERE I AM TODAY WITHOUT THE DRIVE AND PERSEVERANCE THAT MY SCHOOL HAS INSTILLED IN ME.



**From
then**

**To
now**

Amanda Katchmar

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