



An Aspiring Scientist Explores Interests Across Disciplines

STUDENT PROFILE

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Susan Scanlon '10 of Timothy Dwight College is an accomplished athlete and pianist, but it was her passion for science that brought her to Yale. “I am really interested in scientific research, and I wanted to attend a school with a strong program,” she said. “I looked at a lot of different schools, big and small, but because of the residential college system, Yale was the best option for me—it offered the best of both worlds.”

Susan’s interests span many different areas of science, and she has pursued them all here at Yale. As a freshman, she participated in the Perspectives on Science program, which featured classroom lectures from Yale scientists about their current research and provided an opportunity to work in Professor Ann Valentine’s chemistry lab. During her sophomore year, Susan uncovered an affinity for physics in her classes with professors Ramamurti Shankar and Megan Urry. “They were so engaging,” she said. “And by reading articles about current research, we learned what people are studying right now in the field.” These experiences have led Susan to consider pursuing an M.D./PH.D.

To prepare for a future in both laboratory research and medicine, Susan traveled to France last summer. She spent fourteen weeks there, first taking part in a pre-med program and then conducting research into the cellular response to UVA radiation at the Curie Institute in Paris.

In addition to her academic work, Susan is cultivating her extracurricular interests. She plays the piano, enjoys reading in French, and participates in intramural sports, including basketball, football, and softball.

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