



My name is **Christine Schad**, and I am a fourth-year student of Drexel University College of Medicine. I am a native of Pittsburgh, PA, and the youngest of three children. I graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in May 2006. Before coming to Drexel I performed clinical research in the Department of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

While at Drexel, I became involved in organizing the American Medical Women's Association mentor program as a first-year student. The summer following my first year, I worked as one of two Orientation Coordinators for the Class of 2013's Orientation. I also served as the Medical Student Coordinator for the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine held at Drexel. For the last two years I served as a Peer Advisor for the Class of 2013. This past year I was an academic tutor for second-year students and served as the 2012 Class Representative on the Admissions Committee.

I have chosen to pursue a career in surgery, with hopes of specializing in trauma or breast reconstruction for cancer patients. With my surgical training I plan to volunteer on mission trips to practice in underserved areas. My interests outside of medicine include cooking, running, snowboarding, traveling, and spending quality time with family and friends.