

UConn has afforded me an environment where not even the sky is the limit. This school, specifically the Honors program, has given many people, not just myself, unique opportunities where every person could become the person that they want to be, or even the person they never even imagined they could be. I have been able to gain close mentorships, learn new skills, and be a part of international experiences.

UConn has allowed me to conduct undergraduate research, which was significantly expedited by my induction into the UConn Honors program. Through the IDEA grant, I began my research studying memory formation within the mlidbrain, specifically the hippocampus at UConn Storrs and UConn Health.

Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, or LSAMP, has made my time here meaningful and has helped me develop into the leader I am today. Through LSAMP, I have been awarded the opportunity to share my knowledge outside of UConn by going to symposiums and presenting my research. Additionally, LSAMP has allowed me to fully immerse myself within community outreach, allowing me to further diversify my experiences and provide me with the confidence and the tools to become a successful dentist.

As a UConn senior, I am proud to say that I am a leader, not only within the several learning communities I am in, but within the campus itself. With the help of Honors mentors and supervisors, my PI, and every single person I have met in the UConn community, I have been able to develop my own research idea in neuroscience, meet the female dentist I look up to, and achieve interviews with several dental schools across the country.

Through these state funded programs, UConn has created a community that allows me to be surrounded by students with as much ambition and drive as me, which foster an environment that breeds success.