

Meet Your Stevens Scholar

Scholarship: THE CLASS OF 1957 TERM SCHOLARSHIP



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Graduation Date: May 2018

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Give an overview of the classes that you took in the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

The 2014-2015 school year was a diverse one in terms of the classes I took. From Engineering Design I and II to "Knowledge, Nature, and Culture" to Chemistry lab, I was engaging my brain constantly and evenly. My favorite class of freshmen year was Engineering Graphics. I love having the ability to model 3D objects with virtually any dimensions easily on my computer. The hardest class I took was definitely Chemistry II. I took the class in-season after struggling through Chemistry I the previous semester and just didn't manage my time well enough to give the class the attention it demanded.

What did you do outside of class/ what activities did you take part in (both on and off campus) last academic year?

Outside of the classroom I am a member of the varsity men's volleyball team. Playing a college sport has taught me equally as much about time management and dedication as my classes have taught me academically. I am also a member of the Irish club because I want to connect to my roots as part-Irish, and there is food at every meeting. Music has always been one of my greatest loves, so I plan to get involved with WCPR, the Stevens radio organization, in order to get exposed to as many different types of music as possible, as well as share what I already know.

Tell us what your biggest accomplishment and hurdle was last academic year:

My biggest accomplishment last academic year was winning the Design I robot challenge. I designed the bumper system and configured the circuitry for the target-seeking robot. My biggest hurdle was definitely Chemistry II. I struggled to stay on top of the material while in season so I had a hard time getting through the class. The experience definitely helped me in the long run as I now know the importance of not falling behind when there is even more on my plate.

Thank you for your scholarship:

The Class of 1957 Term Scholarship has had a huge impact on my education. Without it, I would not be able to attend this prestigious institution, play volleyball for a fantastic program, and live in such close proximity to the greatest city in the world, New York. I thank profusely all those who made the deliverance of this generous scholarship possible, for you are the reason I am here. I plan to take advantage of as many opportunities as I possibly can while here, including co-op, the master's program, various clubs, and maybe even studying abroad. Again, thank you so much. GO DUCKS.