



Cornell University

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Dear Class of 1964,

My name is Janyla Seltzer. I am a recipient of the Class of 1964 Cornell Tradition Fellowship for this academic year 2016-17. I am very grateful for this fellowship.

I am from Long Island, New York, a senior in the Biology and Society major and a Business for the Life Sciences minor. I switched my major during my time at Cornell from Biological Sciences because my interests changed. Currently I am interested in a career in medicine in addition to a career in health administration. I want to have the option to provide clinical care while also managing the business of health care. The Biology and Society major allows me to explore all my interests without making me feel limited. Through volunteer work at Metropolitan Hospital in Harlem, New York and coursework at the university, I realized the importance of process improvements within health care. Efficient processes and effective clinical care provides patients with an optimal experience.

As a senior, I've continued to balance service, work, and academics. My volunteering experiences in Ithaca have varied. I've continued to host prospective Cornell students, serve food at the Salvation Army, guide middle school students at Expand Your Horizons, and tutor children in the Greater Ithaca Activities Center.

During the summer I worked as Medical Education Intern for the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. This opportunity allowed me to learn more about the impact of unconscious bias in medicine. I am planning to use what I learned about unconscious bias in my career as a physician. I believe that understanding bias in medicine can help eliminate health disparities.

I have committed to the same organizations at Cornell throughout my college experience, including Les Femmes de Substance, Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students and the Biology Scholars Program. Each of these clubs is very important to my Cornell experience and I plan to give back to them after I graduate.

I've also had the same job at the Cornell Public Service Center since my freshman year. I enjoy working with the different service groups and providing volunteer referrals to students.

I am again very grateful to receive the fellowship this year and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Janyla Seltzer