Where are they now?

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Nanoparticle-amplified immunobiosensor enables excellent sensitivity in rapid detection of E. coli O157:H7

What are you doing now?

I am currently finishing my junior year at Washington University in St. Louis, majoring in French with a minors in Economics and Biology.

How did the SJWP competition effect, or influence you?

It's so easy to take clean water for granted. The SJWP competition opened my eyes to the wide world of water issues, both in the US and in developing countries. The experience that I had at the SJWP competition and learning about all of the water treatments and the work being done also sparked my interest in public health -- as a pre-med student, I've been learning about the importance of effective care, and good public health is crucial to the health of an overall community.

Would you care to give a testimonial about the SJWP?

The SJWP competition was an amazing experience. I got to meet people from all over the world who were concerned about pressing water issues, and who were doing something about these issues. It was inspiring to have so many great minds in the room at once, and to realize that water quality is an international concern. I made friends with students from all over the world who are all interested in the same issues that I am, and we still keep in contact. My time at both the national and the international competition was filled with experiences that will stay with me for a long time.