



Where are they now?

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Irradiation Extermination Part 3: A Portable System to Eliminate Waterborne Microorganisms

What are you doing now?



I am currently attending Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. I am majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in biology. My interest in research has continued into college; I am currently involved in a student led research project that is focused on testing for metal contaminants in waterways around Boston. I have also been working in a molecular biology lab that is focused on understanding DNA repair in microorganisms. Additionally, I am a member of a mechanical engineering lab that is working to develop an affordable braille embosser. Outside of class and research, I am an active member and officer in Northeastern's chapter of the Biomedical Engineering Society.

How did the SJWP competition effect, or influence you?

The SJWP competition was a priceless experience. The program encouraged me to continue doing water research in college and connected me with other passionate researchers from around the country. Months after the competition, I was able to attend the New England Water Environment Association Annual Conference and reconnect with leaders from the summer SJWP program. Thanks to this program, I have valuable connections with people in the water industry throughout the region.

Would you care to give a testimonial about the SJWP?

The competition itself was truly a blast! Throughout the contest, I viewed the other students as friends rather than competitors.