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Anna's undergraduate honors research project has been a significant portion of her undergraduate career. Anna is proud of the finished product and the skills gained throughout the process. She developed and implemented the research with the help of Dr. O'Quin and is proud of the quality of work and findings of the project. This project focused on animal cruelty research.

Anna's academic honors and accomplishments include: Dean's List | Maximus Scholarship | Kellogg Honors Scholarship | Von Price Scholarship | Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program | Bernice C. Hum Scholarship | Wolfe Study Abroad Scholarship | Lubrizol Scholarship in Agriculture | Bert W. Martin Scholarship.

Among undergraduate experiences Anna identified as points of pride, she stated her extra-curricular involvement, and the difference she has made within the Department of Animal Sciences. She feels that attending The Ohio State University changed her life. She is grateful for the opportunity to work with admitted students and members of the community at Cristo Rey High School's Science Club, in addition to working to enhance the experience of current students through her involvement with Animal Science Community Alliance. This involvement has allowed Anna the opportunity to explore career options, learn about items she is interested in, and develop herself outside of the classroom. Through these experiences she has gained both leadership and communication skills.

Another aspect of Anna's experiences as an undergraduate that she noted as providing her with a sense of satisfaction is that she has developed many connections and networks as a student. Through friendships with people who will be at the top of their field one day, to faculty and staff who have supported her aspirations and provided opportunities, Anna is pleased that she has done everything possible to ensure she will be able to accomplish her future career goals.

Anna is applying to the Veterinary Public Health specialization within the Master of Public Health program (MPH-VPH) at Ohio State. After that, she plans to earn her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.

Anna cites her education abroad program to South Africa in May 2017 as a life-changing experience. The opportunity reaffirmed her dedication and love of animals, especially animal welfare and behavior. This experience opened her eyes to issues outside of the United States and allowing her to view issues from a global perspective. Additionally, she capitalized on her STEP funds and a scholarship, so she was able to afford the travel. She was proud of experiencing the life changing program.

As her mentor, Anna selected Mariette Benage. Here is what Anna had to say about her mentor: "Ever since I joined the Animal Science Community Alliance, Mariette has been absolutely fantastic. From continuous support, being there to listen, to having a conversation about anything, to providing me countless opportunities, she has never once let me down. Mariette truly cares about all of her students' well-being and futures and strives to make the Department of Animal Sciences better every day. One thing that stands out about her is that she always makes time for me, no matter what she is doing. I am so appreciative of everything she has done for me through my undergraduate career."

