



**2006
FACULTY AWARD**

Alana C. Yerman

I am from Rome, NY. During my senior year of high school I participated in a program called Allied Health Partnership through BOCES. For two semesters I shadowed employees at the local hospital, from maintenance to surgeons. The first patient I saw was a middle aged man recovering from a severe stroke. I couldn't believe these people were teaching him to walk again, and that day, I decided I would like to be a Physical Therapist.

The most unique experience I have from attending Ithaca College is my clinical affiliation on a Navajo reservation. I experienced much of the Navajo culture and explored the southwest. I learned a lot about physical therapy, but I left with a wonderful appreciation for the Navajo culture and the southwest.

Academic Achievements and Personal Highlights

- Empire 8 Athlete's Award (Spring 2002)
- Oracle Society Inductee (Fall 2003)
- Dean's List (2002-2004)
- Involved Leader (2003-2004)
- New York State Small School Rowing Championships (Spring 2004)
- PT Clinical Affiliation in Chinle, AZ on the Navajo Indian Reservation (2006)
- Nutrition Fieldwork at the Finger Lakes Center for Natural Health (2005-2006)
- PT Senior Activities Coordinator (2005-2006)
- Habitat for Humanity service (Spring 2006)

The Faculty Award is given to the Physical Therapy student who shows outstanding leadership to the program and service to the college and community.

