



**2007  
RESEARCH AWARD**

**Laura T. Becica**

**M.S. Physical Therapy**

I am a graduate physical therapy student from Cherry Hill, NJ. As a dancer, my entire life has been spent studying and perfecting movement. I was attracted to physical therapy for the emphasis on movement and the chance to work closely with dancers. Ithaca College provided the opportunity to merge my passion for dance and science and also opened my eyes to the many other populations and settings in which physical therapy plays a critical role. After graduation I plan to pursue a career in orthopedics/dance medicine.

My volunteer experience in Brooklyn, NY with two outstanding physical therapists from the Adam Center was very memorable. I spent time working closely with the students and professionals of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and in the dance movement analysis lab. The time I spent in the lab sparked my interest in movement analysis research which I continue to explore today as a research assistant at Ithaca College.

***Academic Achievements and Personal Highlights***

- Ithaca College Physical Therapy Clinical Internships at Concentra Medical Center, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Medical College of Virginia
- Volunteer at The Adam Center at Long Island University/Alvin Ailey Physical Therapy
- Volunteer at NovaCare Physical Therapy
- Performing arts screenings at Ithaca College
- Ithaca College Bursars Office: student employee
- Ithaca College Dance Team Co-captain 2004-2006
- Relay for life participant
- Research Assistant: Ithaca College Foot & Ankle Movement Analysis Lab

*The Graduate Research Award is given to the Physical Therapy graduate student who shows outstanding skill, interest and participation in research.*

