

2007

**PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE
AWARD**

Meghan E. Dick



**B.S. Clinical Science /
Physical Therapy**

Throughout high school, in Fairport NY, I was heavily involved with athletics. I had a strong interest in the medical profession and a desire to enter a career where I could devote myself to helping other people improve their quality of life. A major in physical therapy offered me the opportunity to work one-on-one with individuals providing them rehabilitation services. Choosing Ithaca was an easy decision after visiting their beautiful campus that offered the sense of community I was searching for. Over the course of my four years here, I have been involved in many activities that enhanced my interest in the health profession.

A unique experience was participating in a research project with 3 students and 2 faculty members. Our study focused on local female adolescent soccer players and the prevalence of ACL injuries in young female athletes. Participating in the study has been one of the highlights of my college career. This area of research is one that interests me tremendously and was a major contributor to why I chose the profession of physical therapy. After graduating in May, I plan on continuing towards my Masters and Doctorate degree through Ithaca College's program in Rochester.

Academic Achievements and Personal Highlights

- Dean's Scholarship Recipient
- Emerson Scholarship Recipient
- Clinical Affiliation working in an acute care hospital in Largo, Florida
- Clinical Affiliation at Summit Physical Therapy and Sports Care Center
- Volunteer at Longview
- NYPTA 2006 Conference in Long Island, NY
- Dean's List
- Independent Study Research Project

The Professional Excellence Award is given in recognition of undergraduate student(s) who exhibit excellence in one or more of the following areas: leadership, clinical practice, service, professionalism, academics, or scholarship.

