

2007

**JUSTIN ALEXANDER
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Hilary J. Smith



**B.S. Clinical Science /
Physical Therapy**
Art History Minor

I am from San Diego, California. I came to Ithaca College because I wanted an atmosphere different from where I grew up and I definitely got it! I knew that I wanted to work with people and be a positive force in their lives. I am also a hands-on person and knew that I would not be able to work behind desk all day, so physical therapy was a perfect match for me. I really enjoy the personal interaction that physical therapists can have with their patients and the physical activity that is inherent in this career.

One experience that made me realize that I had made the right decision in choosing my career was on my clinical affiliation with Capital Regions BOCES. At this affiliation I got to work with children in a school setting. I loved the energy and spontaneity that the children brought every time I worked with them. They challenged me to discover and create new and innovative ways to apply the knowledge that I had learned in the physical therapy program thus far. Every time a child made progress it was like winning the lottery!

Academic Achievements and Personal Highlights

- Dean's list for 6 semesters
- Oracle Honor Society
- Women's Crew 2003-2007, second place team NCAA Div III national championship 2006
- Art History Minor
- PT club class representative 2003-2007, President 2006-2007
- Justin Alexander Scholarship
- PT clinical affiliation with Capitol Region BOCES Albany, NY 2007
- PT clinical affiliation with STAR Physical Therapy Seattle, WA 2006

Justin Alexander was a long-time faculty member, and former chair of the Department of Physical Therapy. This scholarship is given in recognition of an outstanding student entering the final year of the program. The Justin Alexander Award recognizes a student with high scholastic achievement, contribution to class activities, and potential for leadership to the profession of physical therapy.

