



# MEET OUR ALUMNI!



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*BFS Class of 2013*



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### What are you up to now?

Currently, I am six months into Boston University's MDPHD program, which is a program of approximately 8 years allowing the student full medical school and graduate school experience. I am planning on studying Biomedical Engineering for my PhD, more specifically developing new drug delivery methods. My PhD part will be starting from the third year of my program. For now I am no different from other medical students in my curriculum. If anyone is interested in integrating clinical experience and basic science expertise to create new policies and diagnoses, I would highly recommend considering the MDPHD program.

During college, I focused a lot of extracurriculars on neuroscience research. Afterward, I did medical volunteering in Malawi and continued my research career. I worked with Dr. Leuthardt for 4 years and published two papers before wanting to try a different type of research. I am currently working under Dr. Bauer as a research technician at Washington University.

I also fenced during college, becoming the treasurer of the fencing club here at Washington University. We went to several regional tournaments. I wasn't particularly good at fencing, but I enjoyed the trips a lot.

### Do you have any passion projects?

I started a company called SomniScan in which we developed an over-the-counter medical device to screen for sleep apnea. This is in response to the severe under-diagnosis of sleep apnea in the United States, and costly diagnosis the main factor leading to under-diagnosis. We provide this device costing \$20-40 for the user to have a better understanding of their risk of sleep apnea, so that they have more motivation to visit a sleep physician for full diagnosis.

I am also learning to code, and I enjoy the particular way of thinking computer scientists have. I created several functions to be publicly shared and used.

I don't do fencing anymore, but I still go to the gym 3 times a week to keep myself fit. I am thinking of getting into another sport though. I am thinking of either tennis or soccer.

### What was the biggest challenge you faced in College?

Dealing with low-performance days. I sometimes have days or weeks when I am not as motivated. I tried to get my friends' passion as motivation, but these days I am overcoming these by simply creating habits I follow regardless of my mood.

### What advice do you have for BFS students as they go off to university/college?

Dream big. What you see now is only a small pond.

### What memory of BFS comes to mind?

When I organized pi day. It was my first attempt at such an organization, and without that experience, I would have been much less likely to consider leadership positions in college.