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What have you been doing since the publication of your article in *JPUR*, volume 2?

Since my publication, I have been studying extensively to reach my goal of becoming a veterinarian. I graduated from Purdue University in 2013 and moved to Grenada in the Caribbean to begin my studies in veterinary medicine at St. George's University.

What are your career goals?

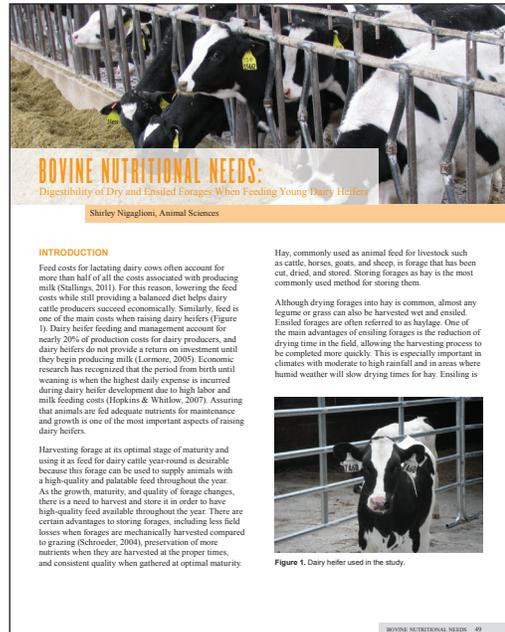
My career goal is to work as a veterinarian in a small animal private practice. I have a special interest in internal medicine.

How did the research you did as an undergraduate at Purdue impact your current endeavors? What is the value of undergraduate research?

Undergraduate research at Purdue University has given me many opportunities throughout my career. I am now capable of writing scientific articles and understanding the importance behind research as a whole. The value of undergraduate research is to expose students to different fields of study and immerse them in an environment where they can learn and have hands-on experience. This is an experience that will help them greatly in their future careers. Not only do you learn about the topic of research, but you also learn to work as a team, a skill that is crucial to the success of any individual.

How did the faculty mentor relationship impact you during your time at Purdue?

The faculty mentor relationship helped me by giving me guidance to improve my critical-thinking skills. Dr. Tamilee Nennich was always willing to help me and always served as an example to follow.



How did the experience of publishing an article in *JPUR* benefit you? What advice would you give to other undergraduates at Purdue who are interested in contributing to the journal?

The experience of publishing an article benefited me personally and professionally. I am now aware of the steps when publishing a research article. This publication has also increased my area of expertise in dairy heifer nutrition. This was an incredible opportunity and I encourage others to research and publish a scholarly article, as it has given me various opportunities throughout my career that I wouldn't have had otherwise. Being a published author was definitely helpful when applying to St. George's University School of Veterinary Medicine. It is very time-consuming and work-intensive, but publishing an article provides you with great skills and benefits.

What advice would you give to other undergraduates at Purdue who are interested in doing research?

Research is definitely an amazing experience if you are doing it on something you are passionate about. Reach out to professors who are researching a subject you find interesting.

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