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University of Wisconsin - Madison

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Emily Goldstein
Chapel Hill, NC
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“I thought that ITP was going to derail my future. Instead, I have realized that it has opened my life to new interests and passions in ways I never could have predicted. Due to ITP, I have a new course for my life. My diagnosis, although sometimes terrifying, provided me with new skills, competencies and a sense of maturity that allows me to believe there is no limit to what I can achieve.”

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