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Abstract
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My arrival to SJFC in 2007 came with some uncertainty that any liberal arts student encounters. Not knowing if my future should be in Pharmacy or in a lab, I was a biology freshman without a cause. It was during these early years at Fisher that I first had an adjunct lab professor who was a neurology doctoral candidate, enjoying some teaching after his normal work hours. At the time, this seemed like something I could see myself doing. Before my third year of undergraduate studies, I only knew that my future would be somewhere inside the health professions. Not until Junior Seminar was my suspicion of wanting to attend Chiropractic school (my ultimate calling) confirmed and translated into action.
After graduation in 2011, my life shifted into graduate school at New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, NY. The program is three and one third years of intense science and technique classes, as well as clinical internships. I was lucky to treat a variety of patients through the NYCC. I treated at a number of athletic events, including the Rochester Marathon, and interned and had the honor to treat veterans of the armed forces at the Rochester VA medical center.

Upon graduation with my Doctor of Chiropractic degree, I started my own practice in Rochester, Genesee Chiropractic, and also thought back to the adjunct professor from my early Fisher days. Obviously now a member of the biology department at SJFC as a professor of Human Physiology, I have been enjoying my experience with the students and experiencing my own personal growth with every class.

Ancient Temple, Rome, Italy

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