

Post-Graduation Hindsight from our First College Graduate

Advice and life lessons from Maribel Dupont



We, at the Viner Scholars Foundation, are very proud to announce that we have our very first college graduate. On top of graduating with her Bachelor's, Maribel Dupont, finished a year early and is an incredible example of what is possible when you put your mind to something.

Now that she has graduated we thought it would be appropriate to share her insight on the college journey as well as what's next in her life. We are excited to share her post-graduation thoughts and advice with our scholars, mentors, friends and family.

- What are your plans after graduation?

My plans after graduation is taking a gap year in order to apply to physician assistant (PA) school. I will be dedicating that time to getting more healthcare experience, taking the GRE, and applying for graduate school.

- What is your advice to incoming and old Viner Scholars?

My advice to incoming and old Viner Scholars is to get as involved as possible in college. If you need help, ask your mentors or go visit your college's advising center. There are so many resources on campus to help you. Take advantage of that.

- What was the best part of your college experience?

The best part about my college experience was meeting so many wonderful people who inspire me to do my best in school and in life in general.

- What was the most challenging part?

The most challenging part about my college experience was time management. I had so many things to do at once and sometimes it got very overwhelming. Thankfully, I am really organized so I planned out my weeks ahead of time in order to meet all my deadlines.

- What is something you wish you knew earlier?

Something I wish I knew earlier is to never buy textbooks brand new at the college's bookstore. Rent them on amazon if possible or buy them used from another student. You save a ton of money and they are just as good.

- What was your major? Did you have a favorite class?

I majored in Biology. I am really passionate about science courses so picking just one is hard. My favorite classes were definitely genetics, human physiology, immunology, and molecular cell biology.

- How has The Viner Scholars Foundation impacted your life?

I would like to thank the Viners and the entire community for their help and support. This foundation was a blessing to my family and I will forever be thankful for their generosity.