**Fall 2013 JSC START Scholars**

**Nasser Garth Abdel-Fatah**

Integrated Environmental Science Major from Randolph, VT

I chose my major because Earth Sciences are my passion.  My near-term goal is to pursue a master’s degree in geology.

**Shayna Bennett**

Integrated Environmental Science Major from Belvidere, VT

In the near future I hope to find opportunities that will help me combine science and engineering, particularly in the field of energy. Scientific research is such an important tool toward a better understanding of the environment, but it has no power unless properly and competently applied. I hope to expand my interest in connecting science with writing, art, and further explore the new advances being made in astronomy.

**Eliza Chevalier**

Biology Major, with a pre-medicine concentration and a minor in mathematics, from Alburgh, VT

I chose this major because I am extremely interested in the morphology, physiology, anatomy, behavior of living organisms, especially humans. I am also passionate about the medical field and after graduation I plan to go to medical school and to one day become a pediatrician.

**Javayla Davis**

Biology Major, with a pre-medicine concentration, from Cincinnati, OH

I am a sophomore who transferred from Cincinnati, Ohio. My choice to major in biology has a lot to do with my fascination in the composition of the human body, nature, and other living things as well as the toxins and other elements that have an impact on human beings and the earth. I am excited to learn so many new concepts and facts about these topics during my time at Johnson as I prepare myself for medical school.

**Eliza Doncaster**

Biology Major, with a minor in mathematics, from Irasburg, VT

I chose biology as my major because I have always been interested in the sciences. Growing up on a farm, I have always been around nature and living organisms and have been fascinated by how everything works. Once I graduate from Johnson State College, I hope to get a job working in a lab or pursue graduate school.

**Kara Dumas**

Biology Major from East Granby, CT

As a freshman at Johnson State College, I am majoring in biology and look forward to learning about and understanding the study of life. I hope to have a job in the field of biology where I can collect and analyze data.

**Steven Eng**

Integrated Environmental Science Major from New Milford, CT

I am very fascinated with the way that nature works and intrigued by the energy crisis. Once I graduate from Johnson State College I hope to get a job that helps to preserve our resources and advocates for sound environmental practices.

**Berrick Kozak**

Integrated Environmental Science Major from Spring Hill, FL

I chose integrated environmental science because it is the best option for me to continue my education, after I graduate from Johnson, in the field of environmental engineering.

**Steven Lamonde**

Integrated Environmental Science Major from Hingham, MA

I chose the Integrated Environmental Science major because I wanted a challenge. I enjoy working with others in the wilderness, yet my true dream is to apply myself in the field of environmental science. I intend to obtain a master's degree and work in the White Mountains of New Hampshire mapping and collecting data relating to climate change.

**David Leuba**

Biology Major from Johnson, VT

I chose to major in biology because I have some friends who are in their late sixties and I was hoping I could maybe help them with the emerging field of stem cells. I am currently a sophomore, and after graduating from Johnson State College, I plan on pursuing a career in neuroscience in graduate school.

**Heather Murphy**

Integrated Environmental Science Major from Morgan, VT

Integrated Environmental Science provides opportunities in science discover the answers to questions. Something as simple as viewing an ultra-thin rock sample under a microscope sparks so many questions that are just waiting to be answered. As a freshman, I'm not entirely sure what path I want to follow in Integrated Environmental Science but I do know that I want to perform research after college. Coming from the small town of it is kind of a stretch to strive for something so huge as a college degree; with my family behind me I am ready for the pursuit.

**Hannah Sargent**

Biology Major, with a pre-medicine concentration, from Concord, NH

I chose biology because since I was a young child I have always wanted to become a pediatrician. I am extremely fascinated with anatomy and cellular biology. I hope to continue on to medical school when I graduate from Johnson State College, and from there, either work in a children's hospital or as a primary care physician.