

Lucy Coombs is honored to receive the SMEA scholarship.

She will be attending Drexel University in Philadelphia this September where she has been accepted into the Doctoral Program to study Physical Therapy. She is excited to begin this new chapter.

Previously Lucy was a member of the Somerville YMCA swim team for seven years. Additionally she was highly involved with the academics at Prospect Hill Academy, receiving high honors throughout her high school career along with always taking honor and AP classes. She was also a cabinet member for the Junior Statesmen of America throughout her high school years.

She has also been committed to organizations that support people with physical disabilities, and specifically amputees. Many of you know Lucy is an amputee and has been so since she was three. Camp No Limits, a camp for amputees and their families is where Lucy got her start. She attended as a young girl and became a teen mentor traveling throughout the country attending various camps. She's also become an advocate for the Amputee Coalition of America, attending their teen camps and also becoming a counselor.

Lucy first became involved with the Challenged Athletes Foundation ten years ago. The organization strives to provide support for people with physical challenges. The CAF gives people opportunities to engage in sports that often aren't supported by health insurance companies. Lucy received a running leg when she was nine years old. Since then, she has been committed to paying it forward so others can also benefit. Lucy has swum 1.2 miles in the Pacific Ocean since she was 11 in the San Diego Triathlon Challenge to raise money and mentor others with physical challenges.

Lucy's experiences have guided her to pursue a degree in something she is passionate about.

I am enclosing a picture exemplifying Lucy's commitment with the quote "She believed she could, so she did." - [Author R.S. Grey](#)



Thank you. Sincerely, Marita Coombs