

# MEMBER PROFILE

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### ADVICE TO YOUR 20-YEAR-OLD SELF?

Don't be afraid to dream big and move out of your comfort zone more often. Try to answer, "What is the worst that could happen?" and chances are, it's nothing too terrible.

### IF YOU COULD BE ANY CHARACTER IN FICTION, WHO WOULD YOU BE?

Dr. Dana Scully of the *X-Files*. I watched the show faithfully every Sunday evening and arranged my schedule around it. She is complex, strong, intelligent, and simultaneously fearless and vulnerable. I look forward to being able to watch the show with my kids.

### WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT AND HOW HAS IT SHAPED YOU?

Graduating college and graduate school debt-free has allowed me to worry about one less bill to pay. It is upsetting to see how many of my peers continue to be saddled with student debt and the implications of that on homeownership, deciding whether to have a family, where to live and work, etc. The cost vs. value of higher education needs to be considered both individually and for society as a whole.

### FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

It may sound cliché, but learning something new every day as well as helping clients achieve their goals is my favorite thing. I think of research as a helping/teaching profession and I love that aspect of it. I also love the experience of receiving a unique, challenging research question most days that affords me the opportunity to collaborate and brainstorm with my team and learn something new in the process.

### FAVORITE TRAVEL DESTINATION?

Lewes, Delaware. We have been going on and off for years. It's a picturesque town with great dining and a quiet beach with minimal waves. It is rejuvenating and relaxing, while also close to home.

### IF YOU WROTE AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY, WHAT WOULD ITS TITLE BE AND WHY?

*You Can Take the Girl Out of Queens . . .* Despite moving from my hometown six years ago, growing up in Queens, one of the most diverse and populous counties in America, has played a critical role in my development. Not having a backyard, taking the subway to high school, and meeting kids from all over NYC was a unique experience that has shaped me mostly for the better.