

Hach Scientific Foundation Scholarship Awarded to UTK Chemistry Major

Sophomores Julia Price and Alicia Stiles were awarded the first Hach Scientific Foundation Scholarships at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Julia is a double major in Chemistry and BCMB with aspirations to work in the field of education. Alicia is majoring in chemistry with a minor in secondary education. You can read more about Julia and Alicia below in their biographical sketches that will be featured on the Hach Scientific Foundation Website (www.hachscientificfoundation.org).



Julia L. Price

“My name is Julia Price, and I am currently a sophomore at the University of Tennessee pursuing a double major in Chemistry and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with a minor in secondary education. Growing up in a home with a teacher opened my eyes to the crucial role a teacher plays in the lives of many children. Through my high school and college chemistry teachers’ passion for the subject, I gained a desire to further understand the material. I was not exactly sure what career I wanted to pursue, but I knew I wanted to learn more chemistry. I first thought about chemical engineering, medicine, and pharmacy, but I did not feel I had the passion for the job. I took jobs in some of these fields, and became bored in my tasks. I could only remember one summer where I volunteered to help below level children at a summer school.

This experience was probably one of the most rewarding of my life. I have always wanted to help people in some way, and teaching called on me. As a child, I never believed I would be a teacher, and now I cannot think of any other career for myself. I hope to one day inspire children to love learning like my mother and teachers. I want to show kids the exciting world of chemistry and pass my enthusiasm for the subject to my students.”



Alicia A Stiles

“Ever since my high school days, I have been truly fascinated with the field of chemistry. Whether it was celebrating mole day or calculating changes in heats of formation, I loved the variety of challenges that I was faced with. I figured that if I found so much joy in taking chemistry, maybe I could inspire others to enjoy taking it as well. Now, three years later, I find myself getting closer and closer to my goal of becoming a high school teacher. I am currently a sophomore at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. I am working on getting a major in chemistry with a minor in secondary education. Although I have a few more years left to go, I am still just as eager to become a teacher today as I was the day I walked into my first chemistry class. “

The Hach Scientific Foundation Scholarship is a \$6000 per year scholarship for those chemistry majors who are committed to become junior high and high school chemistry teachers post graduation.

The Department of Chemistry awards two Hach Scientific Foundation scholarships each year to those who qualify.

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