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I'm Debora Bartosova, but no one calls me other than Debbie. I'm technically a sophomore in HVAC but have a previous bachelor's degree in veterinary science technology from SUNY Canton. I graduated with my associate degree in May 2020 and became a Licensed Veterinary Technician in the summer of 2020. I prefer urgent care and emergency medicine and the organized chaos it brings. I can't sit still.

I was recruited to play hockey at SUNY Canton before I found out that they have a Veterinary Technology major and as soon as I started, I fell in love with it and the school as a whole. I'm in my second year of my associate's degree in HVAC. I came back to campus because I love this school and the hands-on experience it provides. Due to international student's requirements, I must be a full-time student, but my goal is to finish class requirements for Cornell University and apply to be veterinarian. And why not to add another associate's degree in great field of engineering?

Outside of the classroom, I was a student-athlete in my freshman and sophomore years. I played on SUNY Canton Women's Hockey team. Being a student athlete requires hard work, and dedication, but it all paid off at the end. I was allowed to play a sport I love, get a top-level education, and gain forever friends. I'm currently part of the Veterinary Technician Honors Society (Tau Phi Zeta) and Engineering Honors Society (Tau Alpha Pi). I'm engaged a lot on campus and worked as resident assistant, and a Jump Start Mentor. I currently work as a STEM Lab tutor and LVT at Urgent Veterinary Care in Auburn, NY. Moreover, I'm staying close to my profession by assisting doctors in the Veterinary Technician program during some of their lectures and laboratories. Work doesn't feel like work, when you do what you love. All I would say is that I like to keep myself busy and I enjoy mentoring students and keeping my mind open to new possibilities.

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