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## *Amanda Hall '18 Hopes to Care for Women at Home and on the Mission Field*

Amanda Hall

To prepare for Physician Assistant studies, Gardner-Webb 2018 alumna, Amanda Hall, right, majored in biology and minored in chemistry.

As a student in the Department of Natural Sciences at Gardner-Webb University, Amanda Hall '18 examined complex ideas in biology and chemistry. "My major classes were taught by quality professors who had such extensive knowledge in their fields," she shared. "I am being reminded of concepts in my graduate classes rather than hearing them for the first time."

Hall also worked on an honors thesis during her senior year that helped her become acquainted with the material and linguistics of respectable journal articles. These experiences moved her toward her goal of becoming a healthcare provider. Before graduating from GWU, she was accepted into the Physician Assistant (PA) program at High Point (N.C.) University.

"I ultimately chose to become a PA instead of a doctor, because they have increased time interacting with patients and maintain the ability to change specialties throughout their career," she explained. "I hope to work in a women's health clinic where I can actively take part in both educating and caring for women both prenatally and postnatally. I also hope to be part of an organization that travels abroad serving women in underserved countries."

A native of Springbrook, Pa., Hall received a full academic scholarship to attend GWU. She found the University while searching the internet for schools on the east coast that offered her major and had a track and field team. "Once I got in touch with the coaches and stepped foot on campus, I knew that I wanted to do whatever I could to figure out how to attend GWU," she revealed. "Aside from the scholarship, I chose to be a Runnin' Bulldog because of the Christian environment, charismatic faculty and staff, and the opportunity to be a Division I athlete."

She also served as a Student Recruitment Ambassador for the Admissions Office and was a tutor for the Learning Enrichment Assistance Program. She participated in the GWU Honors Program and was a member of Alpha Chi National Honor Society and Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society. She served as president of Sigma Zeta Math and Science Honor Society and vice president of Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society. In the

spring of 2017, she participated in a mission trip to an orphanage in Haiti with Dr. Don Olive, GWU associate professor of physics and astronomy. The experience ignited her passion for serving women in other countries where there is limited access to medical care.

All of the people she met through these activities enriched her college experience. She is especially thankful for Dr. Meredith Rowe, assistant professor of biology, who helped her through a challenging class, and Susan Bell, professor of art, who introduced her to abstract thinking. “And there are so many other professors who invested in me and who I grew to know personally through traveling with or dining with their families,” Hall asserted. “I value the relationships I built with peers, coaches, and faculty as the best gift I received from Gardner-Webb.”

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