

Featured Student - Gianna Ftizsimmons (PLC '13)

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*Major - Biochemistry
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Gianna is a senior PLCer studying Biochemistry and minoring in Spanish and Leadership Studies. She is interested in pursuing a career in research upon graduation, specifically in the area of biopharmaceuticals. Gianna is also interested in attending law school in the future, focusing on patent litigation. She has always had an interest in law, and with a passion for public speaking, Gianna wants to be the point of contact between researchers and judges, as well as be on the forefront of scientific discoveries.

PLC has had a large impact on Gianna's journey at CU - not only on her academic trajectory, but also on personal life. Gianna actually met her best friend during first-year orientation, and today they are roommates. Gianna also attributes her Multi-Level Issues in Leadership project to helping her get into CU's only paid lab on campus, as well as making her realize her passion for research. Gianna also spent a summer interning with one of PLC's partner organizations, The Wayfaring Band, after one of the founders came and spoke during her first-year lecture; the experience helped shift her career goals and developed her interest in working with individuals who have disabilities.

Throughout her time at CU, Gianna has been involved in a number of extracurricular activities ranging from CU's Mock Trial Team, to the St. Thomas Aquinas Student Leadership Team. Gianna is also involved in one of CU's a capella groups called On the Rocks. Outside of CU, Gianna enjoys playing guitar, skiing, and traveling - spending last summer studying abroad in Spain.
