Most Exciting Discovery
We discovered a new nematode, *Longidorus americanus*, which caused stunting of southern pine seedlings. We determined the host range of this nematode and found that small grains did not host the nematode. A nursery could control the nematode by alternating their pine crop with these small grain crops.

When did you know you wanted to be a scientist?
I knew I wanted to work on protecting our environment after attending a Girl Scout Camp in 5th grade. I realized in high school I wanted to be a pathologist after I went to a “Trees for Tomorrow” camp and a pathologist showed us all the diseases affecting the forest.