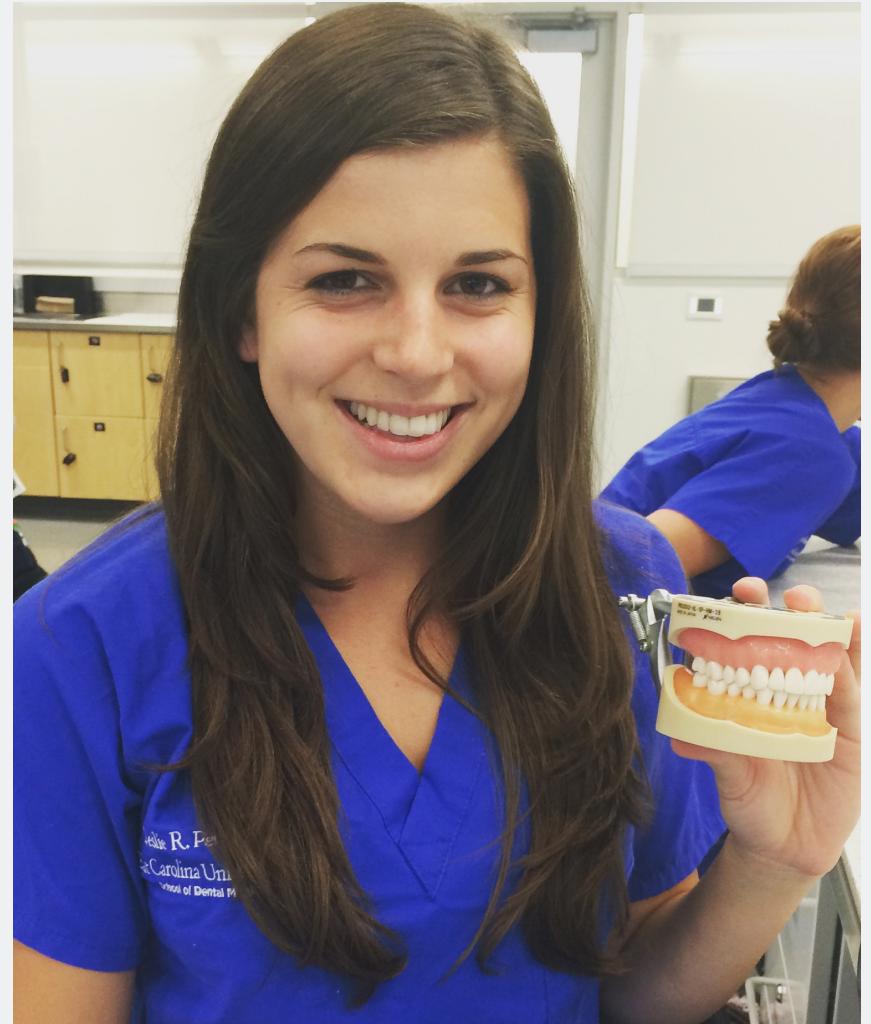


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After graduating from West Rowan, I began studying biology at UNC Chapel Hill with intentions of applying to dental school. I soon realized I didn't want to continue with the biology major, but I still wanted to pursue dentistry. So I instead chose to major in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Health and the Environment and only took the biology and chemistry courses I needed for dental school. I also picked up a minor in Spanish for Medical Professions. After college, I went on to attend dental school at East Carolina University. The first two years of dental school consisted of studying for weekly tests and learning dental procedures on a manikin. I started seeing patients at the beginning of my third year and soon confirmed I was most interested in pediatric dentistry. In my fourth year, I started the application process for pediatric residencies and recently found out I matched with my top choice, the NYU-Langone Pediatric Dentistry Residency in Tampa, Florida. I am now finishing my last semester of dental school and am very excited to graduate in May and take the next step toward becoming a pediatric dentist!



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