

ANDY L. JOHNSON

Oxford Scholar 2003

Degree: William Jewell College: B.A., Biochemistry, 2003

Research Interests: Virology, Vaccine Development, Animal Models and Pathology



Andy Johnson graduated with honors earning a B.A. in Biochemistry from the William Jewell College in 2003. For his outstanding undergraduate achievements, he has received numerous awards and honors, including the prestigious Faculty Award to the best all-around academic graduating senior, induction into the Phi Epsilon honors society, the award for the Most Outstanding Biology major at William Jewell, the American Institutes of Chemists Foundation Award, and position awards in the Kappa Alpha Order. Andy also has received numerous scholarships throughout his career, including the Hy Vee Food Stores scholarship, a Kappa Alpha Order scholarship, a William Jewell Scholar athlete award, and a research grant from the BBB Biological Society. In the summer of 2002, Andy completed research at the University of Iowa on TGF-beta expression by regulatory T-cells in *Leishmania Chagasi*-infected BALB/c mice. For his undergraduate honors research project, Andy worked with Dr. Daniel Heruth and Dr. Judith Dilts on the isolation and characterization of *Caedibacter taeniospiralis* plasmids. Andy has also participated in various leadership programs, including the Pryor Leadership Studies Program at William Jewell. Andy also feels a strong commitment to the moral standards that are part of research work. In his spare time, Andy participates in various honors societies, and enjoys rock climbing and basketball for recreation. Andy says that his major career goal and dream is to “cure a disease by establishing a balanced combination of sample collection from the field, interaction with people, and vaccine development in the lab.”