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## MARY ATKINSON (5TH TRI)

Mary Clair Atkinson is a 5th trimester Doctor of Chiropractic student who is set to graduate in April of 2019. She was born and raised in Rutland, Vermont, where she lived with her mother, Ellen, and twin sister, Caitlin, until leaving for college in 2010. Her family has since expanded to include her soon-to-be stepfather, Ron, and an extremely energetic rescue dog named Jagger. Mary has a love for the outdoors. Her favorite activities include hiking, camping, hunting, and fishing.

Mary earned her Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2014 and then worked for a year as a fitness specialist at the RiverMead Retirement Community in Peterborough, New Hampshire. During this time, she began looking into furthering her career in the healthcare field. She shadowed Dr. Patrick Cooley, a doctor of chiropractic who was also a physical therapist, and found herself becoming more and more interested in the chiropractic aspects of his treatments. Thoroughly enjoying her shadowing experience, she began inquiring more about chiropractic and, with the encouragement of Dr. Cooley, decided to apply to chiropractic schools. Mary found NYCC and believed it would be the best fit for her. She feels like she made the right choice in NYCC and is thoroughly enjoying her experience here. What she likes best are the easy access to the faculty and the wide range of resources the school offers. Pathology is her favorite subject so far, and she loves the challenges of diagnosing.

After graduating from the Doctor of Chiropractic Program, Mary plans to move back to her hometown and open a practice with a focus on treating the geriatric population of the Rutland area.



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