



# I AM NYCC

## EMMA ATHERTON '18

Emma Atherton grew up in the city of Manchester, New Hampshire, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology at the University of New England in 2015.

Emma has been a lifelong chiropractic patient. Born with a turned-in foot, she tried to correct it through ballet; seeing only limited success, her mother took her to a chiropractor who was able to remedy the issue. It was that chiropractor who also diagnosed an intestinal infection and gallbladder dysfunction that had caused her to lose 20 pounds and be extremely ill. She truly believes he saved her life, and that inspired her to become a chiropractor herself.

New York Chiropractic College's reputation as an evidence-based institution is what convinced Emma to enroll here. She loves the beautiful campus and wonderful faculty, stating that she has always felt welcome here and that it is where she is meant to be. Her favorite classes include the clinical science courses, which are the heart and soul of the program, as well as Women's Healthcare Issues with Dr. Maggie Finn, which allowed for an open discussion about topics that most doctors avoid. Some of her favorite professors are Dr. Chad Warshel, who makes radiology interesting and enjoyable; Dr. Emily Canfield, who connects the classroom to real-world experiences; and Dr. Jeana Voorhies, whom she finds to be amazingly supportive and genuinely caring about her students.

Emma lives with her husband, Phil, whom she married in 2017, and their 10-month-old mini Goldendoodle, Terry. Some of her hobbies are watching "The Office," attending concerts, and spoiling her puppy. After graduation, she plans to eventually open her own family practice with a focus on women's health. She advises students to keep an open mind. Plans may change, but your purpose – the reason why you chose chiropractic – should remain constant. Remember why you are here and find people who support you.



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