



Adrienne Kramer

2009 Scholarship Recipient



Adrienne Kramer graduated Summa Cum Laude from SUNY Geneseo in 2013, earning a B.A. in Geography with a dual minor in Math and Spanish. She continued her education at Pennsylvania State University, earning her M.S. and PhD in Geography in 2018. Currently, she serves as a GIS Analyst at the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). In her present role, having a geographical background helps her understand and assess climate trends in relation to emergency response protocols. In the near future, she hopes to take on a managerial role at IAFF. As a young adult, Adrienne ultimately thought her career goal was to get her PhD and become a professor at a teaching university, something she still aspires to do later in life. In her spare time, she enjoys running, working out, Washington Capitals games, women's soccer, and cooking.

Adrienne is a 2009 David M. Rubenstein/Economic Club Scholarship recipient from School Without Walls. With the help of scholarships like this one, she was able to continue her education without the hassle of a large tuition bill. The Economic Club's resources and programming helped her engage with the local business community and prepare to enter the workforce with knowledge and experience. Adrienne now serves as a mentor to current scholars and as a member of the Alumni Leadership Council. Her favorite part of staying engaged with the program is the opportunity to network with other alumni and giving back to the organization that helped her succeed in college and beyond.

In reflecting on her experience, Adrienne said: "When I was a scholar, the mentoring portion of the program did not exist. I am so glad the Club continues to expand its resources to scholars. Being a mentor allows me to be transparent, because the college experience is very real and personal."

When asked about her memories of interacting with Economic Club members, she recalled attending the annual holiday celebration. A "momentous, but also intimidating" occasion, she remembered, as it challenged her to step outside of her comfort zone and network with major business leaders. "It felt so great to be in the room with wonderfully experienced groups of people that want to support the youth", she said. She is incredibly grateful for the ongoing support from the Economic Club and looks forward to contributing to future generations an active participant in the program.