



# Alumni Spotlight

## Adam Weiner '20



**Adam Weiner '20** is beginning his graduate studies this fall at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, where he will pursue a Master of Science degree in atmospheric science while working as a graduate research assistant at the university. Weiner recently achieved the outstanding academic accomplishment of being named a **2020 Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship** recipient. Fellowship awards from The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi recognize exceptional academic performance and provide funding to first-year graduate students across all academic disciplines who are pursuing post-baccalaureate degrees.

“Since this competition was open to Phi Kappa Phi student members (including international students) pursuing graduate education in any discipline, it was humbling to know that I was among the top applicants from across the country,” says Weiner. “The application required an extensive amount of information, including my academic record, nature of involvement with the University Honors College, research endeavors completed, academic recognitions and awards, undergraduate and

community activities and leadership roles, graduate school selection and reasoning, a personal statement, academic work sample with rationale, and two letters of recommendation,” he explains.

Weiner graduated from the Honors College at Millersville University in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in meteorology and minors in mathematics, as well as environmental hazards and emergency management. In recognizing the valuable academic instruction he experienced at Millersville University, Weiner mentions, “My Millersville experience was inspiring, challenging, and unforgettable...The various types of challenges I was able to conquer as an undergraduate student allowed me to grow as a young adult as well as develop and enhance important life skills.”

Studying meteorology has been a dream for Weiner ever since he was a child growing up in Cranford, New Jersey. “After personally experiencing a devastating flood at the age of 8, I developed an insatiable desire to learn and understand the weather. From that fateful day, the seed was planted, and as time progressed, the childhood dream of becoming a meteorologist blossomed,” he recalls. At Millersville University, Weiner pursued his childhood dream and celebrated extraordinary achievements, including obtaining high academic honors and receiving academic merit-based scholarships from Millersville University, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Weather Association and the American Meteorological Society. “As a meteorologist, my goal is to work for the National Weather Service and uphold their mission of providing timely and accurate information to protect lives and property and enhance the national economy. Beyond living out the mission, I wish to leverage my emergency management education to deliver the most accurate and useful Impact-based Decision Support Services (IDSS) possible for all emergency management partners and related stakeholders.”

As Weiner relocates to Alabama from his hometown of Newark, Delaware, and begins his graduate program, he is enthusiastic about the future. “I am very excited for this new chapter in my life and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for me at UAH.” In sharing advice for fellow alumni, Weiner suggests, “Take time to think about your long-term goals and why you have chosen those goals. Consider what you are truly passionate about at your core and how you can lead a life of service to society while following your passion. I can speak with certainty that hard work and dedication will pay off in the end.”