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Laura is very happy with her position which was a long time desire to work in research. She also says, "Learning more about this rare disease and actually seeing the children and adults that live with this genetic mutation - especially their modified lifestyle, motivates me each day to work towards a drug that can add more years to their lives."

Laura believes that her education and training from the MPH program has properly prepared her for this position and is very grateful for her professors and advisers, most especially Dr. Kimble, Dr. Cunningham, Mrs. Pautz and Mr. Flannery.