



**Vermont Brain Bee**  
**Explore Neuroscience**  
**Engage Students**

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## **Vermont Brain Bee Testimony**

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“Bringing neuroscience to high school students in rural communities, such as those in Vermont, is a formidable challenge, given the resources required to do so in an effective and engaging way.

As a high school student growing up in Hinesburg, I received little exposure to neuroscience through my coursework. Luckily for me, and now many other students, the VT Brain Bee was created in my junior year of high school, 10 years ago.

By leveraging the expertise and resources of the UVM neuroscientists, Lisa has created a treasured educational experience, one which led me to pursue neuroscience as a career.

That first Brain Bee was mind-opening to me, from exposure to fundamental concepts such as how neurons communicate with each other, to learning brain anatomy from real (cadaveric) human brains.

My Brain Bee experience led me to pursue an undergraduate degree in neuroscience at Boston University, and now a PhD in Auditory Neuroscience at Harvard University.

For me, like many other students, pursuing neuroscience did not require convincing, but the early exposure I received at the Vermont Brain Bee was crucial to realizing just how exciting life could be at the frontier of understanding the brain!”