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Dear [informal salutation],

Recent graduate Evan Tjeerdema ’19 has always wanted to be a marine biologist. So it was a dream come true when the Marine and Coastal Science major got to study and pursue research at the Bodega Marine Laboratory during summer sessions, along with some 30 other undergraduates.

Evan studied the effects of ocean acidification—which is increasing as our climate changes—on predator-prey relationships. Experimenting with red abalone and sea stars, Evan found that acidified water appeared to impair the abalone’s ability to defend itself.

“No one has looked at this with abalone before,” said Evan. “Doing this work with such a commercially and culturally significant species in California feels like an important thing.”

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“As long as I can remember, I’ve wanted to be a marine biologist. The Bodega Marine Lab is beautiful. There’s just something extraordinary about being this close to the ocean all the time.”

— EVAN TJEERDEMA ’19