



## Freedom Grads → Future Stars

**Lauren Reese** is a 2011 graduate of Freedom Area High School and participated on the Girls Soccer and Track teams. She was Captain for the Soccer team and Section Leader of the 'Big Red' Marching Band Drumline. Lauren was the winner of the National DemandTac Retail Challenge in the Northeast region (through the math program at Freedom and received scholarship money).

Lauren attended the University of Pittsburgh and graduated in 2015 with a Bachelor's degree in Actuarial Mathematics. She was Founder and member of the Executive Board of Gamma Iota Sigma, International Risk Management and Actuarial Collegiate Fraternity at Pitt. Lauren was a member of the National Leadership and Honors Association and worked as a teaching assistant for mathematics courses at Pitt. She was named to the Dean's list for all 4 years of college and participated in intramural soccer.

After graduating, Lauren took a job as an entry-level Actuary in Richmond, Virginia working for Genworth Financial. She is currently employed at Nationwide Financial as an Actuarial Consultant in Columbus, Ohio working on modeling financial risk of their life insurance business. Lauren received the Associateship of Society of Actuaries designation through completion of actuarial exams, working towards Fellowship. She has competed in bodybuilding all over the U.S. and received multiple 1<sup>st</sup> place awards.

Lauren feels Freedom is the perfect sized school where it's large enough so the sports can be competitive and there are a variety of AP classes offered, but small enough where the teachers get to know the students individually. She says, "I think Freedom is an amazing school to help individuals learn independence while also surrounding them with people who care to help them grow. Despite being in a small town in Pennsylvania, Freedom offers a great education and life-long skills that can help students feel prepared for the world outside of high school."