



wanted a small school, and that is what I got. It's a school of I think less than 3,000 students. So, my program, biochemistry program, had about 13 students that graduated, so it was really quite nice. It's also an undergraduate university, so I was able to get involved in research where I don't think the opportunity would have been as easy at a bigger university, so that was really awesome, my



the beginning and getting that off the ground and starting and seeing kids actually participate in our programming has been awesome.

ALISON: That's great. Yeah, it seems like you're doing a lot already and you've only been here...

DANA: Since November 20-

persevere and are so resilient. So, those are two of them. But I've been working at camps for the past I think 6, 7 summers, so, that's kind of always been my summer.

DANA: Success for me, I think success for me, whether it's cliché or not, has to do with my happiness and whether I'm happy in the position that I'm in. I think that it also has...success is me finding maybe a purpose in maybe what I'm doing and finding a meaning in what I'm doing. I think that's success.

ALISON: Yeah! Sounds like you're -

[Dana laughs]

ALISON:- there! [Laughs] What do you like to do in your spare time?

DANA:

ALISON:Just meant to be fun.

DANA: I was in Norway last spring, and winter, and that was amazing. I would go back in a heartbeat.  
[Laughs]

ALISON: Yes, definitely on my list. You're at a talent show audition, what do you do to wow the judges?

DANA: Oh! I don't know. I think I'd leave the stage as soon as possible.

[Both laugh]

DANA: I don't really know if I have any hidden talents. Oh, I'd roll my tongue.

ALISON: Oh, okay.

DANA: Yeah.

ALISON: If you could travel back in time, what time period would you visit?

DANA: I would visit when they were building Machu Picchu, because I just don't know how they built it and I want to actually see if it was aliens or not, because it seems impossible that we'd have [laughs] the technology at that point.

ALISON: Yeah, that's a good answer. If you had to choose one food to eat for the rest of your life, what would it be?

DANA: Bread. There's some really good bread. You can always go, yeah.

ALISON: Yeah, carbs, can't go wrong.

DANA: Carbs, yeah.

ALISON: And if you were given the opportunity to go into space, would you take it?

DANA: Yes, but only if it's a brief visit. I don't want to stay for very long. I like home. [Laughs]

ALISON: Not going to be moving to Mars?

DANA: No, not for me.

[Alison laughs]

ALISON: Do you have any advice for young people, especially girls, thinking about pursuing a career in STEM?

DANA: Yeah! I would just say go for it. I mean... There's nothing... There shouldn't be anything holding you back, and if there... Obviously there are those barriers that we do see that exist because there aren't



are supports and definitely mentors and even...I relied a lot on the females in my program to support me through my education, so, use supports and if that's your goal, chase after it.

ALISON:That's great advice.

[Dana laughs]

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ALISON:Thank you. Great, well, thank you Dana for joining us, and thank you to our listeners. Please join us again next time on Best of the WWEST Yukon Edition.