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UD has just the right chemistry for career exploration

Graduate finds satisfaction after switching majors at the end of his sophomore year.

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After two years of college, Anthony Colton decided to take a leap of faith. The University of Dubuque student was unhappy with his decision to be a nursing major and wasn't doing well in his classes. So he decided to make the jump to what seemed to be an even tougher major — chemistry.

It felt like a risk, but it is one that paid off, Colton says now.

"I really personally feel that I made the most out of that situation," he said. "I turned around a really bad low point into something great."

Colton, 23, from Burke, Va., was among more than 400 students honored Saturday during the University of Dubuque commencement ceremony.

Though his time at UD has seen some challenges — including learning to work with a prosthetic arm — Colton was able to find a field of study he enjoys and grew through the process.

"When I changed majors, I was definitely at a low," he said. "But through that low, I feel, came a high."

When Colton was readying to start at UD, he didn't have a career goal in mind. But he knew he wanted a job right after earning an undergraduate degree.

He looked at the most in-demand jobs and saw that nursing was one of them. That became his major.

However, it didn't take long for him to realize that he didn't enjoy nursing.

By the end of his sophomore year, he knew it was time for a change. He recalled a general chemistry class at UD that he enjoyed and decided he would give the major a try.

Now, he says, he is thriving.

"I feel like I connected with people," he said. "It's probably when I started to feel like I could come into my own. ... I feel like just putting myself out there really allowed me to meet phenomenal people (and) connect with my teachers more."

As he advanced through his chemistry classes, Colton worked without the use of the lower part of his left arm. He's had the limb deficiency since birth.

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University of Dubuque graduate Anthony Colton, who was born without part of his left arm, found that his old prosthetic arm was a hindrance to his chemistry lab work. He eventually decided on a new, more functional one.



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Philip Glenn, 13, of Elizabeth, Ill., carries the Torah during his bar mitzvah at Temple Beth El in Dubuque on Saturday, May 12. This was the first time in over a decade that the temple had celebrated a bar mitzvah or bat mitzvah.

Sign of Resilience

Local Jewish community ushers boy into adulthood

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Holding the Torah, Philip Glenn marched down the aisles of the sanctuary inside Temple Beth El.

He moved slowly, occasionally adjusting the scroll, which was nearly as tall as the 13-year-old, to allow worshippers to touch their prayer books to it.

Jeff and Judith Glenn trailed behind their son. They greeted the 40 guests who lined the pews at the Dubuque temple on May 12 to celebrate Philip's bar mitzvah. Together, they filled the room with the hymn "Al Sh'loshah D'varim."

Translated from Hebrew, the lyrics mean, "The world is sustained by three things: Torah, worship and loving deeds."

The bar mitzvah, a rite of passage dating to the 16th and 17th centuries, is the first significant ceremony for a Jewish child following birth.

"It welcomes the individual into the Jewish adult community," said Temple Beth El's rabbi, Jim Sagarin.

As the child leads the service, he or she reads from the Torah, also known as the Pentateuch or Five Books of Moses, and the haftarah, or Prophets.

RARE CEREMONY

It had been more than a decade since a boy celebrated a bar mitzvah, or a girl a bat mitzvah, at Temple Beth El.

Few children are among the congregation's members. Dubuque's Jewish population, mea-



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Jeff Glenn helps his son Philip before he begins his online studies for his bar mitzvah recently at their home in Elizabeth, Ill.

sured at about 450 people in the early 1900s, numbered fewer than 70 in 2010. At present, about 25 families belong to the congregation, comprising nearly all of the city's Jewish community.

Estimates indicate only 6,000 Jews reside in Iowa — about one-third of the number there were in the 1930s when the state's Jewish population peaked.

For Temple Beth El's members, the bar mitzvah celebration was especially meaningful.

"Any religious event that revitalizes or reinforces the fact that we are alive and vital becomes very important in the

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Philip Glenn talks about his bar mitzvah and its significance to him, TelegraphHerald.com

small community," said Alan Garfield, the temple's vice president.

But the significance extends beyond Dubuque. A Jewish child's coming of age represents the "eternity of our people and our hopes," Sagarin said.

"This is our future."
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