MARSHFIELD, MA RESIDENT TO GRADUATE FROM WHEELOCK COLLEGE

Boston, MA (May 7, 2015) – Amy Krzyzewski’s dream is to change the world through helping and educating others and believes that Wheelock College has helped her make this dream a reality. On May 15th, 2015, Kryzewski will be graduating with a double major in Special Education and Developmental Psychology.

Her greatest achievement at Wheelock was discovering her interest in working with children, specifically on the autism spectrum. She was supported to follow her interests, take risks, and spread awareness about this cause. “I am most passionate about helping those with special needs, and advocating for people within the special needs community, she said. “I want to change the world through helping and educating others. I am extremely passionate about illuminating the talents in those who are disabled in any way, and truly seeing and seeking out the potential in others.”

As a person with Cerebral Palsy, Kryzewski faces many challenges in her day-to-day life. “Being in college, I learned to persevere through difficult times, both big and small,” she said. “From elevators being out of order at times, to being an advocate for my own needs, I have faced great challenges during my endeavor as a disabled college student. However, making it through these challenges has made me a stronger, more resilient person.”
As a first-generation college student, she is grateful to have had the opportunity to attend a college where her interests in special education and elementary education are celebrated and where first-generation students are supported through Wheelock’s Student Success Department. Kryzewski notes that her education at Wheelock has made her confident to pursue her goal to change the lives of children with special needs. Wheelock has prepared her to embark on journeys to help improve the lives of children and families.

Kryzewski’s success is partly due to the support of great professors. She credits Instructor of Elementary Education Judy Richards and Associate Professor of Human Development Petra Hesse for encouraging her to become passionate as an educator and to advocate for the special needs community. Through their support, she was able to gain confidence in all her abilities and become a stronger person.

After graduation, she plans to enroll at University of Massachusetts-Boston to earn a graduate certification in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) with the intention of working with children on the Autism Spectrum. Her long-term goal is to work in ABA in the school system and advance into special education advocacy in schools specializing in children through Individualized Education Plans.

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