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Number of Years Working in BRL: 1

Questions:	Meet :
Where were you born and raised?	West Springfield, MA
Where did you go to school/college?	I did two years of pre-pharmacy at Western New England University before I changed my major and then transferred to Bay Path University and got my degree in Biotechnology.
Where do you live now?	Southampton, MA
Do you have a nickname?	My family calls me Jessie.
What do you like most about your job?	What I like most about my job is that I can help cancer patients in an indirect way to help find a treatment based on the genetics of their tumor. Helping cancer patients has been a goal of mine since my senior year of college. My mother was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer just before the start of my senior year. While I was learning about the genetics and cellular aspects of cancer in class, I was living the consequences of these lessons in real life. My mother passed away four months after her diagnosis. Since then, I have had more of my family members succumb to this disease. From this career, I am able to “fight back” against this disease and try to help others.
How would you describe your day job to a child?	I test sick patients to help doctors find a treatment to make them feel better
What are your children’s names?	No children
What is your favorite sports team?	Boston Bruins!!
What is your favorite place to visit?	“The Camp”, a house my grandfather built on a pond at the Templeton Fish and Game club.
What is the name of your pet?	Sadly, I do not have one, but I used to have three cats, Midnight, Blackie, and Patches.
What is your favorite movie?	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (I am a huge Harry Potter nerd).
What gets you out of bed in the morning?	Coffee!
Name one thing on your bucket list.	See the northern lights
If you could switch jobs with someone, who would it be?	I wouldn’t; I enjoy what I do.
Tell us something about yourself that most people don’t know.	While I may look small, I can lift heavy things! I do CrossFit, and my personal record for a deadlift is 195 lbs! Hoping to go above that soon. I am also a huge nerd and often find my days spent with a nose in a book and I love going to Renaissance Fairs! I also recently joined an APA 9 ball league.

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