For Regan Considine BR ’16, a drive to succeed is important not only in the classroom, but on the water. A native of West Hartford, Connecticut, Regan ranked among the country’s 100 top female high school rowers, and she was heavily recruited to college crew programs. But when Yale offered her a scholarship, she jumped at the chance to become a Bulldog.

“I chose Yale because throughout all aspects of the University, value is placed not solely on the result, but on the process,” Regan said. “The coaches, students, and faculty enjoy each other and learn from challenges and obstacles. There is an emphasis on relationships between people, not just the product of their collaboration.”

Now a member of the women’s crew team, Regan says that she can’t imagine her Yale experience without it. “I have gained better organization skills, a greater work ethic, and an amazing sense of history and family,” she said. “I credit the team for my success and growth in the last year.”

A media studies course has inspired Regan to focus her academics on political science and global affairs, but it was the freshman seminar What History Teaches, led by John Gaddis, the Robert A. Lovett Professor of Military & Naval History, that defines for her the spirit of Yale. “It was an incredible opportunity to be in a small class with a brilliant teacher,” Regan said. “It was a great introduction to the passion and creativity that abounds here.

“I am so grateful for the financial aid that makes Yale possible for me,” she said.

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