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**Laurien Sibomana '04, M.S.**

*Research Assistant*  
University of Pittsburgh

After graduating from La Roche College, Laurien Sibomana '04 established a career in the field of research.

His career began after obtaining his master's degree in epidemiology from the University of Pittsburgh. He first worked as a research coordinator for an insulin comparative study in Rwanda, which was supported

by the National Institute of Health. He later continued as a research assistant, which is his current role.

Mr. Sibomana's responsibilities include: preparing research materials, interacting with Pitt Institutional Review Board and Research Ethics Committee in Rwanda, writing research-related reports and manuscripts, and conducting site visits and patient follow-ups in Rwanda. He also manages the Type 1 diabetes registry in Rwanda, evaluates outcome assessment for vocational training, and has established a peer support program.

"Seeing more than 1,000 youth in Rwanda alive and smiling has changed my professional life since the life expectancy for a child with diabetes in Sub-Saharan Africa used to be less than one year. Being diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in Sub-Saharan Africa was a death sentence, and I feel that I played part in changing the course," he said.

Mr. Sibomana has worked with Marjorie's Fund for Diabetes in Sub-Saharan Africa and Life for a Child for diabetes in children of developing countries.

Mr. Sibomana earned degrees in biology and chemistry at La Roche College. He was a graduate of the College's Pacem in Terris Institute, which allows students from war-torn and developing nations to receive an education at La Roche.

"Serving our native countries was the goal of Pacem in Terris, and I tried to continue that path," he said.

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