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In the fall of 2015, Kaitlyn Van Lenten enrolled in Hillsborough Community College's veterinary technology program. In addition to graduating from the program next week, Van Lenten is also the recipient of the 2017 Presidential Spotlight Award for the Plant City campus, awarded to students who excel in the face of adversity.

But Van Lenten, while grateful to receive the award, doesn't view her disability as something meant to overcome.

"It's a little weird to me to think that it's special," she said. "I've done everything my whole life with one hand. Everyone's got their thing that makes things hard for them."

During one of her externships, Quail Hollow Animal Hospital offered Van Lenten a weekend job in clinical pathology, a position she's held since September.

"I love my job that I have right now," Van Lenten said. "I'm hoping to get a job at an emergency clinic and do both."

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