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Textbooks, while oftentimes helpful, cannot convey certain details that can be found in person. Certain studies not cited here suggest that over 90% of daily personal communication is found in nonverbal cues – not in words, written or otherwise. In the interview that my group conducted with Dr. Lucy Comley, we had the advantage of having all communication cues, both verbal and nonverbal.

A major problem with textbooks is their lack of ability to answer questions effectively. A question on a topic not covered in the book must be brought to a person, but oftentimes that person – or anyone at all – might not know the answer. In the interview, the opportunities were numerous to have questions asked and answered immediately. In fact, our group came up with many questions on topics regarding Dr. Comley's life that had to do with facts that we had learned only minutes prior.

Lastly, but probably most importantly, I was provided with considerable guidance for my own life. Being well educated is very important to me, but so is having a family, and this interview showed that the two can be balanced. Dr. Comley stressed that planning is very important in this area. Delaying starting a family can be a great thing for education, but one is unlikely to restart school with the additional time and financial burden of a child. She also attended RPI and spoke highly of it. For someone who has attended so many different educational institutions, I know that I can trust advice that she gives. It made me very happy to hear her comments!