



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Kyle Tadashi Horak was born in Burlington, VT on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1988. He and his younger brother, Erik Hiroshi Horak, were raised nearby in Essex Junction, VT, by his parents David Vaclav Horak and Lois May Shiozawa. He attended Essex Junction High School, finishing in 2006, and went on to graduate from Cornell University with a B. A. in Chemical Biology in 2010. During his undergraduate studies, he completed two summer internships in the laboratories of Dr. Karel Pacak at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and then went on to work in the laboratories of Prof. Hening Lin. He completed his Ph. D. studies in the laboratories of Prof. Theodor Agapie at the California Institute of Technology in 2016. He is currently planning to begin work as a process engineer with Intel in March 2016 at the research and development facility in Hillsboro, OR. Kyle's interest in the sciences was the product of many mentors; however a substantial source of inspiration was his grandfather, Prof. Vaclav Horak, whose love of chemistry most certainly led his son David and grandsons Kyle and Erik to all pursue advanced degrees in chemistry. Other hobbies of Kyle's include alpine skiing, hiking, and pen/pencil illustrations.

“Ad astra.”

-Mom and Dad, *Senior High School Yearbook Quote for Me*