



**Jennifer Zwilling**  
Student and Advocate

**Jennifer Zwilling has  
a Robertson Scholarship at Duke University  
a passion for travel and political humor  
a love for dark chocolate and Diet Coke  
and Tourette Syndrome.**

Jennifer Zwilling has always been determined to help people and spread awareness about accepting differences. ((X)) She is currently attending Duke University, and plans to one day work with children. ((X)) Along with her brother, Eric, and sister, Amanda, Jen founded the Tourette Syndrome Youth Ambassador Program, which trains kids and teens to talk about TS. The program gives young people with TS, their siblings, friends and classmates the preparation they need to speak about TS before their peers. Jen has been honored and recognized for her accomplishments by the Do Something Brick Awards, Prudential's Spirit of Community Service Awards and *People Magazine*. ((X)) Jennifer also happens to have Tourette Syndrome – an often misdiagnosed and misunderstood neurological disorder that's a lot more common than you think. ((X)) You may know or have seen someone with TS symptoms – they sometimes make sudden, often strange, physical movements or vocal sounds that they just can't help. ((X)) People with TS are not psychologically impaired, less intelligent, obstinate or purposefully disruptive. And contrary to what you may have heard, fully 85 to 90 percent are not prone to using inappropriate language. ((X)) We're continuing to explore the causes of Tourette Syndrome and, hopefully, the day will come soon when we can find better treatments and the cure. ((X)) But until then, if you come across someone who has TS, please remember that, like Jennifer, that person also has so much more.

