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Curriculum Vitae

Ik ben op 3 april 1983 geboren in Zwolle. Al vroeg raakte ik geïnteresseerd in sterrenkunde, en op mijn achtste verjaardag kreeg ik mijn eerste telescoop. Tevens werd ik dat jaar lid van de Jongerenwerkgroep voor Sterrenkunde (JWG). Met de JWG heb ik vele cursussen, praatjes en kampen meegemaakt, die mijn interesse in de sterrenkunde alleen maar vergrootten.

Van 1995 tot 2001 zat ik in Zwolle op het Gymnasium Coleanum. Daarna begon ik aan de opleiding "Natuur- en Sterrenkunde" aan de Universiteit Utrecht. Mijn bacheloronderzoek heb ik daar voltooid bij Henny Lamers, gevolgd door een masteronderzoek bij Søren Larsen. In 2008 behaalde ik in Utrecht mijn MSc-diploma.

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