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Abstract

In lieu of an abstract, below is the essay's first paragraph.

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When I first arrived in Rochester, New York for college, I experienced a lot of the same fears that any student would have when being away from home. What about my friends from home, are people going to like me, will I like my classes, and most importantly, how am I going to survive without my mom's cooking? Fortunately, on my first day, I met an upperclassman that would shape the next two years of my life at Fisher. Her name was Meg and she was my Orientation Leader.

Over the next few years, Meg was the person that really helped me to adjust. In addition to telling me about the ins-and-outs of college, she also became a confidant. If I needed any help, she was there for me. Moreover, she introduced me to some great people who would become very positive influences in my life. For her friendship, I am truly indebted.

By the time junior year rolled around, I was well acclimated to St. John Fisher. As a Service Scholar, I was enjoying my time spent at St. Boniface School more and more each time I went. Meanwhile, at school, I joined the Admissions Staff, the Angle, the Writing Center, and the Religious Studies Club. Overall, these experiences transformed me from an observer to a participant.

Upon pulling up to the St. John Fisher campus for my senior year, I remember saying that I wanted to make the most out of the year. As a result, I found myself taking more leadership positions in various activities. In addition, I began to discover that one of my strengths was an ability to interact with a broad spectrum of people. The last days of my time at St. John Fisher were spent primarily in reflection. I remember thinking how much I had progressed from a kid who thought his only talent was in academics to someone who could lead and understand people.

There is no doubt in my mind that the culmination of my experiences at St. John Fisher College is what made me the person I am today. Not only have I grown academically and spiritually, I have also become a better-rounded human being.

The St. John Fisher experience showed me the value of learning and growth. That is why early in my senior year I decided to pursue a graduate degree. After much consideration, I chose to continue with my study of business by applying for to an MBA program.

Currently, I am pursuing my Master's in Business in Administration at the University at Albany. In this program, I have chosen to concentrate in the area of Human Resource Information Systems. In addition to my studies, I am also an acting representative for the Graduate Student Association and work as a graduate assistant for the Career Services' office.

Upon completion of this degree, my goal is to work for a non-profit firm in the field of human resources. As a result of my attending St. John Fisher, I have learned the importance and value of giving back to those in need.



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