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When people tell you that college flies by in a blink of an eye, believe them. My three years at Monmouth have been nothing but extraordinary. I knew I was going to be graduating early, so I had to take all the opportunities Monmouth presented me with. I was able to immerse myself in so many clubs and organizations.

One of the first organizations I joined here was the Monmouth Debate Team. I had the pleasure of winning one tournament, placing second in another, and winning a speaker award. Being on the debate team since my first semester freshman year, helped me grow in my confidence as a public speaker. I was able to make friendships that I know will last a lifetime.

In the Spring of 2019, I had the great pleasure of joining Alpha Sigma Tau. I have been able to hold various positions within my sorority including the Director of Academic Success, Illuminate Facilitator, Parliamentarian, and the New Member Educator. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to teach the new pledge classes about the history and what we stand for as the Alpha Sigma Tau Beta Omega Chapter at Monmouth University. I have found so much joy in being part of a sisterhood. This sorority is one of the most powerful, uplifting entities that I have ever known.

In the summer of 2019, I was an Orientation Leader. This was a summer full of love, self-growth, and acceptance. I could sit here and talk for hours about how amazing it was to be an OL. I loved that I was able to help first-year students adjust from high school to college. Seeing how excited they were about starting the next chapter in their lives was incredible. I have seen so many of my squadders hold leadership positions either as members of SGA, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Residential Life, and so many other organizations on campus. I was able to make lasting friendships with the staff and first-year students I met that summer.

My love for helping first-year students did not end after my time as an OL. I became a Resident Assistant for a first-year building. My entire time as an RA, I have only worked with first-year students. I wanted to be an RA that my residents could always count on. I loved staying up late talking with my residents, making TikToks with them, and helping them with anything they needed.

As I look back on my college experience, I can say what a privilege it has been to be part of so many things that were bigger than myself. There are so many more experiences I have had at Monmouth that I would like to share with you all but that would take a whole lot of your time

if I did. I will always be grateful for the time, experiences, and the people I have met at Monmouth. Without them, I would not be the woman I am today.