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Student Life Studies

Assessment Team

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What is one of the most meaningful learning experiences you have had at Texas A&M?
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I've learned how to ration food in a pinch, I've overcome depression and alcoholism, I've learned the value of handling money the hard way. How to be a better person, how to deal with a parents divorce and coping with the constant stress of and, lack of sleep, and crippling debt. But most importantly I learned to never give up, and whenever you get kicked down in the dirt, you just gotta get back up and keep fighting. Cause nothing easy was ever earned without shedding a few blood, sweat, and tears.

Senior, Hispanic or Latino of Any Race, Not First Gen, Engineering
I remember the time that I stepped foot on this campus and experienced culture shock because the students were predominantly Caucasian. Where I grew up, it was predominantly a Black, Latino, and Asian community. It was difficult for me to interact with them at first and I would feel myself shy away because I looked different. In some instances, I was right. They wouldn't want to talk to me because I looked different and they assumed I would act different. However, I can also say I was wrong as well. I made many friends and a majority of them are Caucasian. They are some of my best friends and didn't point that I was different. You truly can't judge a book by its cover.

Senior, Hispanic or Latino of Any Race, First Gen, Geosciences
I learned how to lead people through the Corps Of Cadets and how to push myself physically, mentally, and emotionally in stressful situations. This experience will help me succeed in the future.

Junior, White, Not First Gen, Agriculture
Even though this isn't just one experience, I have just so greatly enjoyed all the staff and their passion for the university and its values throughout my time here. Now that I'm almost graduating I know that it's something I'll miss until I come back to teach one day!

Senior, Multi-racial Excluding Black, Not First Gen, Business
The training provided by the Student Counseling HelpLine taught me how to talk to people who are dealing with something difficult, whether on a call at HelpLine or in person. This is a crucial skill for the career I want to pursue, and for being a friend who cares about other well.

Senior, White, Not First Gen, Liberal Arts
How much love and support can come from one university that is connected through a network and love of the campus and its people. I feel like A&M is my family and I can carry that with me forever wherever life takes me.

Senior, White, Not First Gen, Business
By far the most meaningful experience I had at Texas A&M was participating in the selective Spring Leadership Exchange Program. Getting to interact with TAMU - College Station and TAMU - Qatar student leaders…during our respective spring breaks opened my eyes to what it means to be a leader in an international context. In the wake of the Trump election, Islamophobia is on the rise. Being close friends with 12 students from the Middle East allows me to formulate conversations with TAMU students and community members about our nation's irrational fear of ALL Muslims. Furthermore, understanding a different religion and culture in depth has allowed me to further understand my own ideas and beliefs.

Senior, White, Not First Gen, Liberal Arts
I have learned a lot about myself. Moving away from home, away from my friends and family has taught me a lot about how much they are important to me and how important it is to me to make those meaningful relationships.

Freshmen, White, Not First Gen, Engineering
My involvement as an RA has been my most educational experience at TAMU. It has allowed me to work with and care for a variety of individuals with opinions and backgrounds differing from my own. It has opened my eyes to many different issues and has improved my skills in conflict management, event planning, leadership, and working as a team. This is an experience I feel I can also present when looking for employment and can speak highly of. Aside from my degree, it is my most valuable experience at A&M.

Senior, White, Not First Gen, Agriculture