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My time at Lawrence included many forays into various clubs and interests. I sang in the Viking Chorale, captained the Women's Ultimate Frisbee team, was on the board for the Food Recovery Network, was a member of Globe Med, and earned a Biology major and Studio Art minor. As you can see, my time at Lawrence was eclectic. Along the way my friends and advisors helped me constantly push myself, in my academics but also in my happiness. Therein lies what I found to be one of the most important aspects of Lawrence; balance is everything. Upon graduation, we have learned to be academics and to pursue our dreams, but we also have learned to be both leaders and listeners. We have learned how to manage our time along with our passions. We have learned how to respectfully agree and disagree with our peers. We take control of what we want to take away from Lawrence.

I carry those lessons with me as I continue my education at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry, where I am pursuing my Doctorate in Dental Surgery degree. Coming from Lawrence to UNC was like jumping from a pond into an ocean. Not only was the environment different, but there are so many types of fish! Going to be honest: adapting to the number of classes, the format of policies, and learning how to deal with such a wide range of political and social opinions has been difficult. So, I have been balancing and once again taking control of my education.

If I could power through three trimesters and three finals weeks each year at Lawrence, I can learn how to schedule patients into my class schedule. If I could sit in Freshman Studies and argue about the humanity displayed in the Battle of Algiers, then I can have a respectful discussion on patient treatment and ethics. And if I could pursue my interests and find life-long friends and mentors at Lawrence, the same is true in this ocean of Carolina Blue.

What I learned at Lawrence hasn't stopped holding truth for me since I am no longer there. That's what Lawrence does best; teach life-long lessons. These lessons aren't just in the classrooms and lecture halls, they are in everyday life, everyday interactions. Lawrence impacts who you are as a person, and how you travel throughout and view the world. These lessons helped me thrive at Lawrence, helped me get into dental school, and I have no doubt will help me my entire life.