

The weekend I left for home; I was scared. I knew I wasn't going to see my friends for a while and my life was going to change. Eau Claire is a second home to me, I missed the campus, my friends, classmates, professors, and the community while I was away. If someone told me a year ago how much I would change, I would have told them they were crazy. I never knew how much this past year would affect my friendships and community involvement. A year has passed and I'm proud of who I am and what I believe in. We can all agree that 2020 was life-changing, but I don't see it as a "bad year". I see it as a major turning point in our society and an opportunity to become more loving and accepting of others for their individual differences. I like to think that 2020 has shaped me into the powerful woman I am today. Going into the last part of spring semester, and finishing up my junior year, I want to make an impact on campus and the world. I am forever grateful for the experiences this past year has brought me, the friendships I've made, and just being back on campus this year.

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