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Life Stories + Reflection

The end of last semester was, in my opinion, the peak of my college experience thus far. I was doing the best both for my grades and mentally. I was able to explore myself, and how I became the person I am today. One of these projects that helped me come to this realization was the Musical Life History final for Music and Identity. I was able to see how not only my own personal music choices impacted my life, but how the music of the people who surround me did also. This project took me a while, because I kept thinking that certain songs that had significant meaning ‘weren’t good enough’. Then I realized that no matter what, it would be good because it is my personal life and my personal experiences. No one else could tell me if my personal life experiences or memories tied to songs were good or not.

At the end of this semester, I had one of the most life changing events of my college experience. The one professor who I saw as my mentor decided to leave and go to another school without telling anyone. It was a month into summer break, and we got a team’s notification with the message saying he wouldn’t be returning without any real explanation. Still to this day we never received an explanation as to why he made his decision. I knew the moment I read the message that this upcoming semester was going to be hard.

Despite that, I still made it my mission to get involved with the cybersecurity field. This was when I accepted the position as an intern at Digital Cloak LLC. When I accepted, I was given a form to fill out for High Point University. I had no clue they would be using my internship as a write-up. I didn’t realize it until I was working for my internship running open-source intelligence scans on myself and that came up.

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Family has always been important to me, even though it doesn’t always look the same. Other than my biological family, I also view my sorority family, theater family, and pets as family too.

The one that has had the largest impact on me has been my equestrian family. Both of my horses have taught me lessons that no person could. They taught me perseverance, hard work, and being okay that knowing sometimes hard work goes out the window. I quite literally had to learn to get back in the saddle after being thrown in the dirt. I wouldn’t trade any of the time or hardships for anything.

My theater family has seen me through it all. Through the good, bad, and ugly, they have stood by my side. It is surprisingly vulnerable to be on stage, even playing a character. They supported me in every single role I had, small or large. They pushed me to be the best I could and to try new things and step out of my comfort zone. They still support me and hype me up to this day. The hard work we all put in, the many hours spent rehearsing all to put on a high school performance and turn a blank stare into something magical. We quite literally created magic together, and that is an unforgettable experience.

The next family is my sorority family. Honestly, I don’t know what I would do without my big. She truly is one of my best friends and is always there for me when I need it. They have helped inspire me to be a better woman in my chapter, and just in general. They help me to continuously live out our creed of Love, Honor, Truth.

The next is my biological family. They have had the largest impact on my life because they have been through all of it. My parents raised me, and there are positives and negatives to that. I learned many lessons early on, but I also learned what I didn’t want if I were to have kids.