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**Write approximately 200 words describing what you want to learn in this class and what you are most excited to learn.**

Graduating during a pandemic was not originally on my bucket list, but we persisted nevertheless.  I hope that I can learn new skills that can build upon what I learned in undergrad while also creating building blocks for further learning.  Most of what I was taught in undergrad was about understanding code.  It is one thing to be able to write a query, but it is completely separate to understand it and its output in terms of literal output and what it means holistically in a big picture.  Now that I have that foundation of critical thinking while coding, I want to add more ways of coding and more softwares under my belt.  I think I am most excited about collaborating with my peers.  Hearing their questions and perspectives allows me to better understand what I am doing and also sparks further interest and discussion.  While I want to learn python and additional ways of using SQL, I want to learn all that I can so I can be the best asset I can be.  If this time has taught me anything, I have learned that I am best when I am learning something new that can provide me with a competitive edge.

**Write approximately 100 words describing how the skills you'll learn in this class will help your career. If you don't have a career in this field yet, no problem! Write about how these skills will help you reach your goal.**

This bootcamp will help me out extensively in terms of learning new skills and softwares.  Moving into my full-time role within the next few weeks, this will not only provide me with professional development, but also a way to destress by learning something new.  My ultimate goal is to leave the program with more skills that I can leverage and teach to my fellow peers so they can ultimately be more successful.  The best way to see if you fully understand a topic is to teach someone else, so I can confirm my understanding of the topic while also assisting my peers and co-workers in their development as well.