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Sharing Experience

There’s a lot of places on campus that could be someone’s special spot. For example, that corner table at the library, desk in their own bedroom, or any café around the campus. Different places have their unique meaning behind it defined by a person. A university student may have the table tennis room at the dorm which he can play table tennis with his dormmates, or a dedicated computer room as a spot for a programmer. For me, the spot will be Frederiksen Court Community Center.

The community center is a common area dedicated for students that are living in Frederiksen Court. It is located in the middle of all the buildings, so it is very convenient for the student to walk to the community center. The reason why the community center stands out the most among the other white buildings around is because it has a red-brick style’s exterior. The interior however, is furnished with tables, chairs, couches and a fireplace in the middle of the hall. The community center also has a café and a convenience store that is open until 12am.

As an international student at Iowa State University, I can get a little lonely and homesick sometimes when I miss home. Before I was able to meet any new friends, I would just stay at my own apartment and deal with the sadness myself. But over time, I met new friends from all over the world, and we would spend most of our nights at the community center to do our assignments, play board games or just have some conversations. Times like these made me less homesick and feel like I belong in this university away from home.

Iowa State University did a good job in providing a space for students to have a great academic start. “Iowa State University is a public, land-grant University, where students get a great academic start in learning communities...” part of a sentence obtained from the official Iowa State University website proved the point well. The community center has shown a good example because it is a good place to start the high education life. With its prime location, the community center is easily one of the most accessible locations on campus for students.

In my opinion, Frederiksen Court Community Center has played a significant role in my higher education experience in Iowa State University, even though this is only my second semester. Not only do I have a place to study that is not in a stressful environment such as the Park Library, but I also have a space for my friends and I to catch up at. The community center is also a good place to get a night snack whenever I’m hungry. This is the reason why Frederiksen Court is my favorite place on campus.