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For me, one of the most life-changing lessons attained during of my time at Rollins has been acquiring the courage to enter into leadership roles of all types. Initially this began in the athletic realm, where I was able to step out of my comfort zone in partaking initially as a member of the crew team, and later as a leader and active member of the sailing and cross-country teams. Seeking other ways to get involved in the community, I realized the empowering influence that I could have on the student body as well. I became a peer mentor on campus, working consistently with incoming students to assist them in adjusting to college life, and finding a college and career path trajectory that inspired them. It was not until my most recent involvement as a leader on the financial board of the Student Government Association, that my love of finance truly began to take shape. Overviewing all school financial proposals, I grasped what it felt like to budget the distribution of the school’s Fox Funds, working to both support the Rollins community, while at the same time giving a voice to the students and their needs. Although I have always had an interest in the business world, I found myself very drawn to the array of elements I had to juggle in the finance field, able to incorporate both my interest in math as well as my desire to help better the lives of others in an equitable manner.

My family has always been an inspiration to me in these endeavors as well. With a familial history of inventors and businessmen involved in the Johnson and Johnson industry, I have always been fascinated by the study of financial decisions, equally the incredibly successful ones and otherwise. I aimed to be engulfed in an environment that impassioned me the way that I felt studying them. To accomplish this goal, I decided to first to study under one of the most inspirational woman entrepreneurs I know, in mentoring for the mountain biking start-up organization, Little Bellas. I quickly became incredibly humbled to learn the immense feats and efforts that went into running the organization, all built around the drive to empower young girls through their newfound accomplishments in the sport.

Learning from such motivational and awe-inspiring female leaders has helped me shape who I envision myself to be in the business world. While my small school environment has provided me with the drive and grit to pursue any endeavor, (despite how large or out of my comfort zone it may be), I feel ready and capable for challenges beyond. I feel that JP Morgan’s Winning Women program would be the perfect opportunity to acquire even more inspiration for my involvement in the field, to help me shape who I hope to soon become as a female leader in the finance world.