



# ALISANDRA MARVEL

Transfer Peer Mentor

Major: Physiology

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## WHY I CHOSE MY MAJOR

My major is Physiology and I am on the Pre-Med track. I chose Physiology as my major because I have the chance to take a variety of science courses as well as expand my knowledge on many elective classes. This major is perfect for fulfilling my medical school prerequisites because many of them are already built into the major curriculum.

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## HOW I CAN HELP

When I transferred to the University of Wyoming I had a lot of problems with the initial steps of the transfer process. For example, my transcripts from my former university weren't sent properly to UW and I had to figure out who to call to fix it and where I needed to send the final transcript. I called almost every resource on campus and personally visited many offices, in the process developing a better knowledge of who to talk to and when, particularly with things like Financial Aid and the Office of the Registrar. Looking back, I am happy I had to work through this process on my own because I now know UW so much better and can help you figure out where to go if you encounter challenges.

## **ADVICE**

The most important advice I can give an incoming transfer student is get involved on campus as soon as possible and find likeminded people to interact with. This could mean joining RSOs, creating a study group to get to know your peers, going to UW sporting events, and many other ways of putting yourself out on campus. I know this can be an overwhelming task but it truly helps you feel more at home on campus. If you need help figuring out where to start, always feel free to reach out and ask me questions!

## **THE BEST CLASS I'VE TAKEN AT UW**

The best class I have taken in college so far is General Microbiology. My professor was really passionate about teaching every aspect of the course and she made it really easy to understand how microorganisms function. I had the chance to build a great foundation of knowledge for my future courses and had a lot of fun in the process of learning.

## **MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT MY HOMETOWN**

My favorite thing about my hometown is the mountains. I am from Wasilla, Alaska and there are beautiful mountains all around the valley. My favorite place to go is Hatchers Pass to go hiking with my dogs. It is beautiful every season of the year and there is always something to do there.

## **CAMPUS INVOLVMENT**

I am a member of EMBODY Positivity, Love Your Melon, and Best Buddies at the University of Wyoming. These are some great RSOs that do amazing things for the UW community and there are many more RSOs that get involved on campus as well.



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