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MY MAJOR AND WHY I CHOSE IT
I am studying chemical engineering! I chose it because I have always loved chemistry and I am very technically-minded. I have always loved building things and figuring out why things operate the way that they do. With chemical engineering, I get to pair my excitement for learning with my love for chemistry.

BEST CLASS I HAVE TAKEN
My favorite class so far that I’ve taken in college would have to be my Forensic Chemistry class that I took during my sophomore year. It was a required class when I was still studying chemistry, and it was fascinating to learn everything that goes into using chemistry as a tool to identify and correct crime. It also broadened my perspective to realize that there is so much more going on around us at a chemical level than I had ever realized before.

BEST UW RESOURCES
As a STEM major, my best friend has been the tutoring center! It is so nice to be able to get help in my difficult classes for free. It also helps talking to other students who have gone through the classes I am currently in and getting their advice and encouragement.

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HOW I CAN HELP
As a transfer student myself, I understand the unique challenges and setbacks that come with transferring into the University. I am here to help you navigate those waters and connect you to the various resources available to you to help set you up for success!
WHAT I WAS EXCITED ABOUT
I was most excited to live in a new state. I am a travel junkie and a nomad at heart, and one of my goals in life is to visit every state and live in multiple! I had already lived in Virginia for two years before transferring to UW, and since I’m from Colorado that made Wyoming the third state I’ve lived in.

ADVICE FOR TRANSFERS
Use your resources and network, network, network! Get to know other students in your degree program, reach out to your professors, and get involved in student clubs and organizations on campus. This will all help you have a smoother transition as you find a routine at a new school as well as setting you up for future success with your network!

WHAT I WAS NERVOUS ABOUT
When I first transferred to UW, I was nervous that I would have a hard time acclimating not only to a new school (and state), but also to a new degree program. Having previously studied chemistry and switching to chemical engineering, I knew the transition would be tough, especially combined with a brand new school/environment.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Most, if not all, of my free time, is spent weightlifting! I am a self-proclaimed gym rat, and being in the gym gives me a very satisfying outlet to get out any academic, personal, or work-related stresses that I have. Aside from weightlifting, I played tennis competitively growing up, and when the weather allows in Laramie I love getting my friends and grabbing my tennis racquet to go play.