



# GABRIELLA DODGSON

Transfer Peer Mentor

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Environment and Natural Resources  
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## WHERE I TRANSFERRED FROM

San Diego State University,  
Spring of 2020

## FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT UW

I love how nice everyone is, people are always willing to help. I also love to grab coffee at Coal Creek and get bagels at Einstein's on campus.

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## HOW I CAN HELP

As a transfer student from San Diego State University, I personally struggled transferring from such a large school of 45,000 undergraduates to the University of Wyoming. I also transferred in the spring which made it especially difficult to get involved on campus. I hope that as we work together, I can help you learn more about involvement on campus and Laramie as a whole! I have grown to love the University of Wyoming and I hope you do too. I hope that we can make the transition as easy as possible and that UW is your home away from home.

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

I enjoy going on hikes with my goldendoodle, going to concerts, swimming, yoga and spending time with my friends and family! I also love to try new coffee shops!

## **WHAT I WAS EXCITED ABOUT**

I was excited to be in smaller classes where I could get more help with my coursework. My first semester at UW I had two classes of only 12 people. It was amazing! I was also excited to get involved on campus and meet other transfer students.

## **WHAT I WAS NERVOUS ABOUT**

I was very nervous about transferring because I did not want to start over. I had to relearn where everything was, a new place to live, and I worried about meeting people to study with. I actually was shocked with how many opportunities UW gave me within my first semester and how I was able to develop an amazing community around me. Those fears were quickly resolved!

## **CAMPUS INVOLVMENT**

I am a part of Alpha Phi, I do research through the Haub school on sustainable agriculture, and I am working as an Americorps Volunteer for Feeding Laramie Valley this summer.

## **ADVICE FOR NEW TRANSFER STUDENTS**

Reach out if you have any questions! UW students, professors, and transfer mentors are incredible at helping students. I have countless experiences where I've asked for directions or help with WyoWeb. UW faculty and students want to see you succeed in this new journey, so always feel free to reach out.



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