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FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT MY HOMETOWN

My favorite thing about my hometown is the Buffalo Bill Reservoir. Whether you're fishing, kayaking, cliff jumping, or strolling along the shore, the Buffalo Bill Reservoir has it all. There are no tangible words to describe how much I love that place.

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HOW I CAN HELP

When I first transferred to UW, I thought I was prepared, but not as prepared as I would have liked. As somebody who has gone through the process and figured out information on my own, I want to help make other transfer students' lives easier. I will put in the effort to find answers you need or refer you to someone whose knowledge goes beyond my own.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

My advice for an incoming transfer student is to try everything. If something piques your interest, don't hesitate to get involved. College is a time to explore, so take the time to indulge yourself and have no regrets. Also know you can rely on transfer peer mentors, professors, and new friends to be your guides in this new university setting.

WHAT I WAS EXCITED ABOUT

I was excited about learning at a bigger institution. I was excited to be away from home. I was excited to eat different foods. This was also the first time where I could be away from my family and truly be “on my own.” It was new and exciting to begin an independent life.

FAVORITE FAMILY TRADITION

Every year, on the day after Thanksgiving, my family always goes out to cut down a Christmas tree. This is my favorite family tradition because everyone has to agree on the tree, there’s usually a trek through snow, and the smell of pine just invades your senses. It’s a wholesome experience, and the tallest tree we have gotten so far has been nineteen feet tall!

FAVORITE SUMMER ACTIVITY

When summer rolls around, I love to kayak in my local reservoir. I love paddling hard under the beating sun and cooling myself off with the water around me.

WHAT I WAS NERVOUS ABOUT

When I first got to UW, I realized how huge the UW campus was. Coming from a community college, I felt lost. Most of the buildings looked the same and I had to figure out my own paths to classes. I swear I was halfway through the semester before I finally realized where my buildings were.



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I personally love volleyball games the most. I played volleyball in middle school and love watching games. I still like to play when I can, and I also play tennis as well.