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Supply Chain Student Describes Her Transformation From Shy Freshman to Involved Senior

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We all have different paths that we must take going through college, and Bauer College has really helped transform me into the person I am today.

With only a year left of school, I have never been more proud of the decisions that I have made and where I currently stand. In the beginning, I rarely went out of my way for anything or anyone. Yes, I joined the “mandatory clubs,” but I never attended the weekly meetings and never participated in any extracurricular activities. I was so comfortable with where I was that I didn’t think anything in my life needed to change.

As sophomore year arrived, classes got harder, and my social circle remained the same. In the past, my schedule consisted of going to class and straight home afterwards. My days became more and more uneventful and basic. I knew I wasn’t getting the real college experience — the experience I wanted — and that something was missing from my life. More and more I saw everyone around me creating amazing memories and making the most of the college experience. It made me realize the only person keeping me from this was me.

Before the start of my junior year, I knew I needed to make some changes, so I reevaluated my outlook on school and actually getting involved. One of my main goals was to surround myself with new people who shared my aspirations and were good pillars of support as we built lifelong friendships.

Someone once told me, “Surround yourself with people who have dreams, desires, and ambition; they’ll help you push for, and realize, your own.” It was through this idea that my true college experience started. As junior year began, I found myself growing out of my comfort zone and meeting new and inspiring people who I related to on different levels, which made me snap out of my routine. I also started researching different organizations that interested me.

One club in particular that I connected with was Bauer Ambassadors. Everyone talks about their niche organization, and Bauer Ambassadors was definitely mine. Not only has this organization helped me meet some of my lifelong friends, but it has also provided

me with leadership skills and given me a sense of community within Bauer.

I felt myself growing as a person, my grades had never looked better, and I loved what I was doing. At the end of this eventful fall semester, I had friends that shared my dreams and ambitions, and I had achieved my first officer position and so many exciting things to look forward to for the following semester. As spring semester came around, I was halfway through completing my Ted Bauer Leadership Certificate (which was the best decision of my life), had accepted two internship offers for the summer and fall, and to top it off, had become vice president of Bauer Ambassadors.

I realized before the start of my senior year that all these experiences shaped me into the person I wanted to become before I graduated college. I went from being a confused and lost freshman with a lot to offer and nowhere to go, to someone who exceeded her expectations and achieved greatness. The thought of this makes me so proud. I told myself I wanted to accomplish so much before I graduate college, and with one more year left, I have achieved more than I ever thought I would.

I love that I can share my experiences with others around me and show them what I did so that they too can accomplish their goals. I love knowing that people want to follow in my footsteps and want to take the risks I did. I realize now if you don’t like how things are going in your life, you have the power to change them. Try something different like I did. Don’t stay stuck — do better.

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