There are many things that have contributed to who I am today. One of those being my education. Not only have I grown intellectually from my education but I also believe I have grown as a person. Without the support system of teachers, classmates, and my parents, I wouldn't be where I am today, getting the higher education I need to succeed and pursue my goals for the future.

The guidance and influence of my teachers has profoundly shaped the person I am today as an undergraduate student at WSU. The passion of my teachers during my formative years instilled in me a strong academic foundation that continues to serve me well in my university studies. Their encouragement and support nurtured my curiosity, instilling in me the confidence to pursue higher education and to explore new ideas and perspectives. The lessons and values imparted by my teachers have not only shaped my academic journey but have also influenced my personal growth, fostering a sense of responsibility, resilience, and determination that I carry with me as I pursue my goals at WSU.

Along with the support of teachers, I also found myself surrounded by classmates that cared for eachother and always encouraged eachother to push ourselves and reach our goals. Growing up I was lucky to have lived in such a small tight knit community where I was able to establish friendships that I would carry into college starting in elementary school. These friendships not only taught me social skills but also kept me accountable for my studies as my friends always pushed me to be better.

Another support system within my education would be my parents. Although I didn't realize it at the time, I was lucky to have parents that cared about my grades and would push me

to be better and more successful. With that, no matter how small or big my academic accomplishments were, they were always cheering for me and making me feel like I had made them proud. This made me strive to do well in school and want to continue this in a higher education.

In conclusion, I am very grateful to have had the education and experience that I had/have because it has not only made me the strong, successful young lady I am today but also because it has prepared me to continue to be successful and strive to reach my goals. Without my teachers, parents, and classmates, I wouldn't be able to do those things and I am forever grateful for them.