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Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I am from Quincy, Massachusetts, which is about nine miles south of Boston. I wanted to go to a school that was relatively close to home, but far enough away so that I would be independent. I fell in love with Simmons College. I love the area and I loved the school. I am a nursing major, and Simmons has one of the best programs in the northeast. The small class size appealed greatly to me, as well as the apparent relationships fostered between the faculty and students.

What COF resources or programs have you taken advantage of?

I really liked the idea of the consortium of the six schools. There are events that are constantly happening. I plan on cross-registering next semester, and I am so excited for the opportunity. The academics are rigorous and I have been challenged, but that has only adhered to my learning. I definitely made the right choice in choosing Simmons as well as the Colleges of the Fenway!

Describe your experience working in the COF Central Office.

I have been with the main office of the COF for about a year and a half now. It has been a fantastic experience. I have been able to learn so much from my superiors, and they have proven to be delightful role models. I am an office assistant and my job includes designing a weekly poster for events around the COF, reaching out to students, and various other clerical duties. Learning how to use new software programs, such as InDesign, has proven to be the most challenging, yet rewarding, for me. I have also expanded my knowledge of Microsoft Office, as well as my communication skills. As someone who is always overly apologetic, working at the COF has helped me mature in the sense that I now realize that it is perfectly acceptable to be firm and to clearly ask or state something if it needs to be done. This will absolutely help me in the future not only with work, but also academic and social settings.

What advice would you give to prospective COF students?

For prospective COF students: attending college here is a wonderful choice. I would recommend taking the time to get to know the city you are in. There are so many hidden gems and resources to help you learn and grow. Get to know students from other colleges, apart from your own. It is incredible to be able to share your experiences with them. If you have questions about anything that the COF has to offer, ask. You won't know unless you ask, and it may open up wonderful opportunities for you.