## My name is

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and I am currently a fourth-year anthropology major. I am the youngest of triplets and was born and raised in Redwood City, California. I was the first of the triplets to go to a four-year college. I have always wanted to study anthropology and archaeology and I hope to get my masters in museum studies and work in museums after grad school. Most people can find me either at Lobo's tossing some pizza or tap dancing in some dance studio.

While at Sonoma State, I have worked in Culinary Services, was on the Rowing Club Team, and danced with Blue Baronz. Working in Culinary Services has allowed me to meet some amazing people and taught me not only how to make good food, but it also helped me help other students start their first job and become more comfortable with the transition to college.

When I first came to SSU, it was my first time on my own away from home. It was very hard to adapt to the new chapter of my life. I was homesick a lot and struggled to join any clubs or get involved. I had friends that I hung out with, but sometimes I wouldn't go out with them because I wasn't fully into it or I didn't feel like I belonged. When I joined Culinary Services, it forced me to better manage my time and energy to make sure that I was able to fully commit to all the commitments that I was starting to get into. As I worked with more people, I was exposed to more people in different clubs such as Blue Baronz and Rowing. I began to feel more accepted and that I was finally in a community.

It was an everlasting positive experience because it introduced me to some of my best friends at SSU. Also, the more I worked in Culinary Services, the more responsibility I was given, the more it benefited my academics and gave me a better work ethic. The connections that I was able to build through working at Lobos with the different chefs and students will definitely help me as I continue my education and when I go into the workforce.

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