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WHAT MADE YOU CHOOSE CR FOR YOUR EDUCATION AND WHAT STANDS OUT MOST FROM YOUR TIME AS A STUDENT?

"I chose CR because it was local, affordable, and a logical next step after high school—but it gave me so much more in return. I'm grateful to have started my educational journey at such a great institution."

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO RETURN TO COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS AS AN EMPLOYEE?

"I had an incredible experience as a CR student, thanks to caring instructors who inspired and nurtured my growth, supportive EOPS counselors who offered guidance and networking opportunities, and the Career Center staff who helped me align my interests with a career path and get work experience."

These experiences, along with financial support, led me to become a community college math instructor. I left CR certain I wanted to return and give back to the community that helped shape me—and support the next generation of leaders."

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE CURRENT STUDENTS ABOUT MAKING THE MOST OF THEIR TIME HERE?

"Be open to learning, ask for help, connect with others, and take charge of your journey. Apply for scholarships and internships, don't over-commit, but step out of your comfort zone, and most importantly—believe in yourself. You can do anything you set your mind to!"

As a young woman entering CR, I never imagined I'd become a college math professor. As a first-gen student from a low-income background, shy and timid, I've come a long way—and you can too."

WHAT WAS YOUR MAJOR?

"Mathematics"

ARE THERE RESOURCES OR OPPORTUNITIES AT COLLEGE OF
THE REDWOODS THAT YOU WISH MORE STUDENTS TOOK
ADVANTAGE OF?

“I wish more students knew about and used the great support services and special programs at CR—from EOPS, SASS, the Basic Needs and Veteran’s Centers to instructor office hours and tutoring at the Academic Support Center and LIGHT Center and more!”

