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

"Growing up in a small, rural town with a population of 3,000, we do not have access to higher education within a 100-mile radius, so my best friend, Heather, and I decided to take a road trip to check out C,R and we both fell in love! After our high school graduation in 2010, we packed up our belongings, moved to Eureka, and attended our first class together, PSYCH-1A. Unfortunately, after that semester, I had to return to my hometown, but in 2016, my aunt had reached out and encouraged me to try again. I am so happy I took that advice, as graduating from CR was one of the best things that has happened to me. What really made me fall in love with this institution was when I was unexpectedly diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes during my last semester. I had to spend 7 days in the ICU and was devastated at the thought that I might have to drop my classes due to the state of my health. I decided to reach out to my professors, and each one of them was more than understanding and accommodating to my situation and helped me reach the end. That semester, I received A grades in all of my classes and could still graduate on time. I was and will always be so grateful for the support!"

WHAT WAS YOUR MAJOR?

"Psychology"

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

"Don't be afraid to reach out for help and utilize the amazing resources we have available to you! I was timid at the beginning but wish I had reached out sooner."

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"The math lab at the library was a life saver for me!"

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

"During my time at CR, I got the opportunity to work as an EPIC leader for the English department, which was a student worker position. My experience with helping my peers meet their educational goals was very fulfilling and left an impact on me. After I graduated with my BA in Psychology at CSU Sacramento, I returned to the area and that is when I decided to apply for positions at CR. Although I got rejected for a few applications, I finally got the call that I was being offered my position as an Evaluation Specialist. I was on the sky walk at the Zoo when I reviewed the news, which made the experience that more special. I was so ecstatic and grateful to accept this position as CR has always had a special spot in my heart."