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Currently, I am a sophomore at Ursuline, and I absolutely love it here! To me, Ursuline **opens up a world of new opportunities** I never even knew existed, and I have enjoyed exploring all that UA has to offer me. Ursuline really is a unique school that, true to its mission statement, prepares girls not just for school but for life. In my short time as a student here, I feel that I have grown not only academically, but spiritually, mentally, and socially as well. My eyes truly have been opened to how blessed I am in attending this school, and it wouldn't be possible without your contributions. For these, I am **eternally grateful**.

One of the greatest gifts Ursuline has given me is **confidence**. At my previous school, I was a little shy and didn't feel comfortable at school sometimes. However, I feel right at home here, and all of my fellow classmates are like sisters to me. Everyone is so nice, and the amount of mutual respect, love, and passion present at this school is amazing.

Another unique thing about Ursuline is the **commitment to serving** not only each other, but also our community. I am certain that if I ever need help with homework or a shoulder to cry on, I will always have someone there who is willing to support me. Like a real family, we always look out for each other are there in times of happiness and sorrow. In addition to our strong community within the school, I have really enjoyed participating the outside community through service projects and volunteering. As a I know the rest of my classmates do, I have obtained such satisfaction and self-worth through helping others and bettering the community around me.

Finally, I feel Ursuline has made a big impact in not only pushing me academically, but also developing my outside interests. Ever since I began my career here at Ursuline, I have taken all Honors classes and managed to maintain straight A's in all of them. However, I also am taking part in many extracurricular activities. Theater and music are my passions in life, and I love participating in Show Choir, Women's Chorus, and many musicals and plays throughout the area. Right now, I am in *West Side Story* at Saint Xavier. Although the rehearsal schedule can be a little demanding sometimes, I have had so much fun meeting new people from all different high schools and coming together to do the thing we love: theater! Outside of music/theater, I also write for the school newspaper, *Lion's Roar*, am in a few different clubs and service projects, and take dance at a studio near my house. Though my schedule can sometimes be hectic, **I wouldn't trade it for the world** and am having so much fun with it.

I would like thank you again for your dedication to this school and helping students like me. Through your generosity, many girls' lives like mine have been **impacted for the better**, and you have made attending a school as wonderful as Ursuline possible for all of us.