

Student Spotlight – June 2017

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How does a degree fit into your life's plans?

I came to UWGB undecided, but I have always been interested in rocks and found it fascinating how they tell a story from millions to billions of years ago. I soon found out about the geology and environmental science programs at UWGB which has led me to great experiences. However, I am unsure of what I would like to pursue as a future job, but being a part of research projects and a variety of opportunities in different fields has helped me figure out what I enjoy.

Tell us something you are involved with here at UWGB? (honor society, etc.)

I am a part of the Nordic Ski Team here at UWGB. I have been skiing since seventh grade and I am fortunate to complete at a D1 level. Being a student-athlete is also time-consuming trying to juggle school and skiing, it gets challenging. We train six days a week almost all year round and get three weeks off in March. Our training is strenuous ranging from

roller skiing, running and strength workouts in the offseason and snow skiing in the winter. Although it can be hard, it has taught me time management skills and the ability to hard work.

What is your favorite spot on campus and why?

My favorite spot on campus is a section of the Arboretum, along Bay Settlement Road where a rock formation, the Niagara Escarpment, runs parallel to the road where you are surrounded by woods. Every time I run past this area, it makes me feel like I am in a different place. It doesn't make you feel like you are in Green Bay Wisconsin but in a peacefully remote place. Also, being a geoscience major, I admire the rock formation and to think that this rock face stretches all the way to Niagara Falls is fascinating.

What are three things you have with you at all times?

A pencil, an agenda book, and a calculator.

What is your plan after graduation?

I still have two more years at UWGB, but I am thinking of going to graduate school after I graduate.

What makes UWGB special?

UWGB is special in a way that the school is large enough to not know everybody but small enough to really get to know your professors, especially being a geoscience major. My geology classes are enjoyable since it is common to have roughly ten students in a class allowing for the professor and classmates to create better connections. I am very lucky to have great professors who truly care about each student's education. In addition, I think the school grounds is a great place. Due to ski training, we use the Arboretum frequently and it is a great resource to enjoy the outdoors, but still be in close proximity to campus.