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Transcript

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I chose UMaine because I wanted to come

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to a school with a renowned engineering

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program in the Northeast it felt like

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home I know that's a little bit of a

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cliche but my sister was an undergrad

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here and I came to visit campus one time

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when she was a student and I just fell

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in love with campus I walked on the mall

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and I said this feels like home it's

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affordable I just love the campus I love

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the environment I love the sense of

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community base they had just the right

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size that's big enough so that you can

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find interesting things to do really

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whatever interests you but small enough

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so that you still run into friends all

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the time so I think that the University

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of Maine has extensive research

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opportunities I'm investigating how

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Asian Americans in the United States

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participate in mainstream politics so I
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traveled out to st. Paul Minnesota
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recently to talk to different community
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members of the Hmong American population
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the project that I've been mostly
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focused on where the study on resistance
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historical resistance talk to them about
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how they were able to come over as an
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immigrant and a refugee group and how
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they've been very successful in being
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able to be a part of American politics
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my first internship was at tire
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technologies I worked as a helpdesk and
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I really helped me learn about IT ready
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how we define who I want to get into it
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was afforded the opportunity to spend
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the summer at NASA Marshall Space Flight
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Center in Huntsville Alabama
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so learn more about the technology we
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developed a model there and then when we
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came back in the fall we got to test it
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at the composite centers we've take the
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College of Education was really
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phenomenal because from the very
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beginning in our freshman year we're
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getting out in the field and working
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with children I've also felt really
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lucky to be a part of the Honors College
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because between the two of them I feel
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like I have all the support and
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professional development that I could
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ever need it was really cool being part
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of something new that had never been
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done before being part of the research
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and getting to work with some really
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cool people getting into the almond
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woman Honor Society has definitely
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changed my view I was really caught up
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in engineering for a long
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but being a part of this group of
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leaders leadership and strong successful
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women on campus has really given me an
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opportunity to see other perspectives
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there are people from all majors
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involved with this organization and I've
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just met an awesome network of women you
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may have such a diverse core of
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professors that provides so many
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different viewpoints that actually shape
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the way I view things and I'm really
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grateful that I have the experience to
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work with all those professors the
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person I am today compared to the person
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I was freshman year coming in here is
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completely different having to balance
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the sport and nursing together really
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shaped me and helped me with a lot of
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things that I think are gonna help me
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going forward - I think the thing that I
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find interesting about the university of
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match the fact that the people around
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you always there to help you I came in
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as a boy basically leaving as a man
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there's a lot of people there I met on
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the way that affected me in many ways
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but I'm happy to say that you main was
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attending a man was probably the best

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decision I've made so far in my life

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