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Hana Davis: My name is Hana Davis.

Blanca Millan-Modia: Blanca Millan-Modia.

Drew Bennett: Drew Bennett.

Melanie Berry: Melanie Berry.

Miranda Snyder: Miranda Snyder.

Anna Schumann: Anna Schumann.

Cameron Spicer: Cameron Spicer.

Bailey West: Bailey West.

Jordan Miner: Jordan Miner.

Fanny Wadling: Fanny Wadling.

Caroline Stolic: Caroline Stolic.

Vilgot Larsson: Vilgot Larsson.

Khoa Kieu: Khoa Kieu.

Jordan: I've been very involved at the University of Maine in many different circumstances. I've been studying Duchenne muscular dystrophy using a zebrafish test model.

Cameron: I have been in the Honors College during my time. This year, I've been doing research in market microstructure.

Anna: Something I really like about research is that it's kind of a lifelong learning. I go into lab. I learn something new every single day.

Bailey: We've been studying the effects of a popular antimicrobial agent on immune cell function. Dr. Gosse really welcomed me into her lab as a freshman. I'm currently finishing up my honors thesis in her lab.

Drew: In my freshman year, I got to go down to the John F. Kennedy Space Center in Florida as part of the NASA Robotics Mining Challenge team. Being able to go down there to the NASA center was incredible.

Miranda: In the future, I hope to take my work in UMaine, both academic and nonacademic, to encourage my future students to really view themselves as capable and worthy learners.

Vilgot: From there, maybe move back to the States or stay and work as an engineering student.

Hana: Because I love UMaine so much, I may be coming back for my fifth year to play field hockey and also pursue my MBA.

Fanny: To play professional basketball in Europe. After that, I hope that I'll be able to utilize my degrees.

Melanie: At 52 years old, I am not looking to change careers to reinvent myself, but with this degree, I feel like I can simply be the best person that I can be.

Drew: My spark for mechanical engineering actually came at the 2012 UMaine Engineering Expo. I met one of my best friends. He was there demoing a robot. All the way back in 2012 at UMaine is where my spark started.

Caroline: I will always say at the Honors College, definitely has changed my perspective on the world.

Cameron: I've encountered so many people here with different viewpoints that have challenged me and my own views so that I have had to grow through those experiences.

Anna: Being an international student at the University of Maine and living in a different country, UMaine really helps to foster a cultural exchange.

Khoa: All of the professors [are] very friendly. They're always willing to help you with the homework, with the opportunity for co-ops or internships.

Blanca: Helping people was always something that I like. Being here in UMaine, I got to experience that this community is very close.

Jordan: I come from a small little rural town, so it has the same atmosphere that has allowed me to thrive but also given me so many different experiences.

Caroline: A personal part of it has definitely helped me not feel like I'm just another face in the crowd.

Bailey: UMaine has made an amazing difference in my life. The defining aspect of my experience at UMaine has been community.

Miranda: Don't be afraid to go to a single club meeting, even if you've never been to that certain club before.

Bailey: Just know that you don't have to do it alone. There's a wealth of opportunities here, from support from your professors as well as your peers.

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