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PS has done so much for me and I definitely feel that I owe much of my academic success to the things I've learned by being not only a participant, but a peer facilitator. I, like many incoming freshman, felt that I could just wing my way through college like I did high school; not studying and getting straight A's. Unfortunately, this was not the case and I ended up with a very disappointing GPA at the end of my first semester. But, after 1 semester of PS I had a semester GPA of 3.3 and an overall of 2.1, marking the beginning of my transition to being a better student. As a participant, I learned valuable study skills, note taking tips, and time management methods that I still use today to help me stay on top of assignments and exams. It also showed me that I wasn't alone and that there were other good students just like me who just didn't know how to handle college yet. As a facilitator, I have been able to see the program through other students' eyes and listen to other reasons why people get lost and have trouble adjusting to college. I also have an opportunity to give advice to others and help show them that falling below a 2.0 isn't the end of the world and that they can pull themselves back up.

I am currently in my senior year with a 3.1 GPA, planning to graduate this coming May with my BS in Wildlife Science. I am Treasurer of Xi Sigma Pi, the College of Natural Resources Co-ed Honors Fraternity, Chronicler of Alpha Zeta, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Co-ed Honors Fraternity, and an Ambassador for the College of natural Resources. I have plans to get a Graduate Degree in Elementary Education and work with animals and children doing outreach programs at zoos. Without PS, I honestly don't know that I would've pulled myself back on track and I am constantly grateful to everyone in the program who has helped me get to this point. PS is an amazing tool to keep you academically on track and I would recommend it to anyone and everyone who needs some help-you're not alone and we're more than happy to give you a hand!