



My Findings

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Backstory

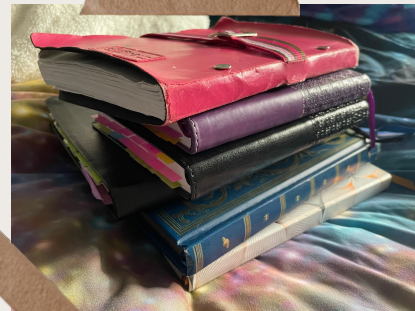
- * I always had a passion for writing! I journaled everything in my life, wrote short stories and songs/poems.
- * Photography, videography as a hobby, showcasing my love for storytelling
- * Diagnosed with ADHD, Anxiety Disorder, & Depression
- * Swore to myself that I would end up in music as I was involved with choir, theater, orchestra, and took private lessons. Quickly found that wasn't the path for me unless I wrote the lyrics.
- * Loved to volunteer and help others (Tri-M requirements, Thanksgiving Feast)
- * Originally was supposed to attend Eastern Illinois University back in 2019, but dropped out during the first week
- * Attended Elgin Community College and worked part-time at a truck stop (which I hated)
- * Thought about being an Academic Advisor

Dear Dory,

A girl keeps saying
cats are the 5 word
I mean she does not
stop saying that. That's
not respectful to me
she is in girlscoats with
me. So I hate her.

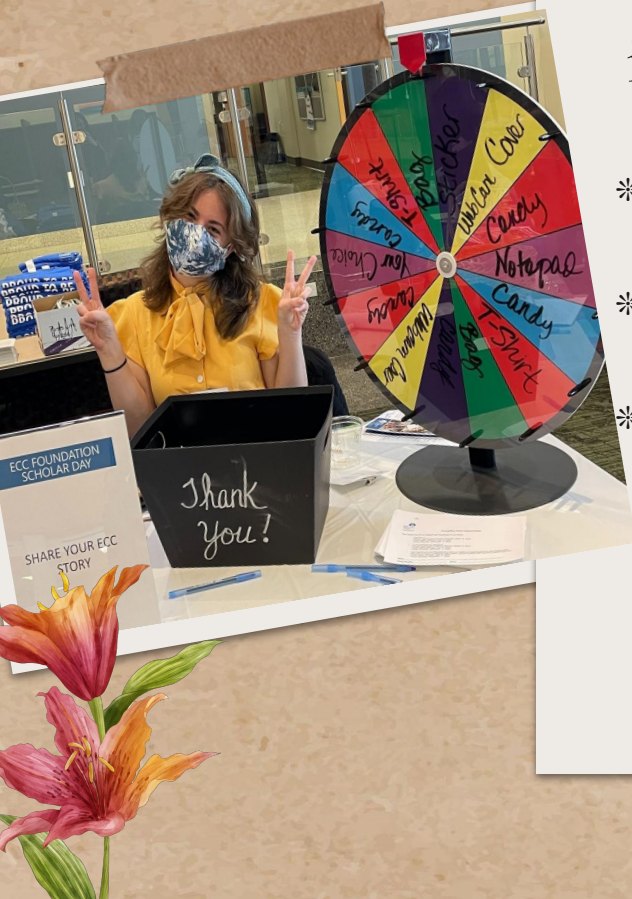
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Love,
Rebecca



Institutional Student Worker in Institutional Advancement

- * Originally had a office support position for the theater department at ECC between February and March of 2020, but was unfortunately let go due to covid
- * During 2021, after searching for the right job, I had applied for the position available in the Foundation Department and was hired during April
- * Stayed in the position for a year (until May 2022 and absolutely loved it!
 - I had a great relationship with my coworkers and managers (most are English majors btw)
 - Gifted a beautiful dome of preserved flowers that was auctioned off and sold by my coworkers who knew I loved it
 - Gala, Purses with Purpose, Golf Classic, Scholar Day!



More Pictures from My Time at ECC

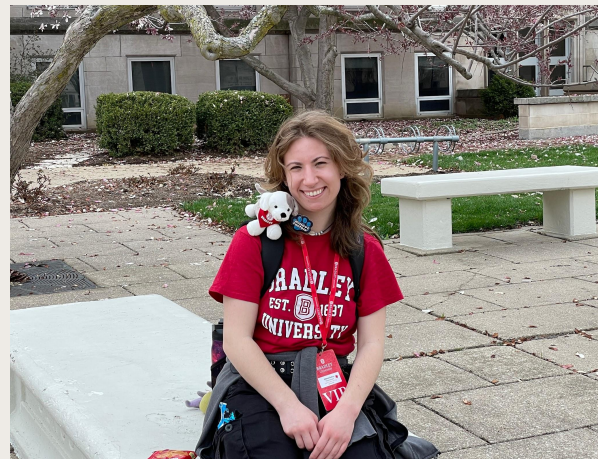
Scholar check-in.

2022 Donor Appreciation Breakfast.



Choosing English at Bradley

- * I was very hesitant on choosing my major, so much so that I took at least two different classes in community college on college majors and career development
- * Was debating between Communications and English
- * Applied to and toured Northern Illinois University, Elmhurst University, and Bradley University (got accepted into all three)
- * Was immediately sold on English once I met with Lee Newton during my first tour and learned more about what English could do for me
- * My mom is an alumni (Psychology Major) and convinced me to go on the tour; she insisted that I would like it here, and she was right



Foundation/Nonprofits Research

- ✱ Specific Positions (May Vary Depending on Organization)
 - Grant Writing
 - Event/Project Planning
 - Manager/Assistant
- ✱ Starting pay for entry level positions - around \$30k
 - Highest can range between \$40k - \$50k
- ✱ Courses for my final semester:
 - Independent study for Grant Writing
 - Business Communication
- ✱ Will look into Nonprofit Leadership Master program here at Bradley
 - Depends on full-time job
- ✱ Starting to apply now and will continue during winter break



Foundation/Nonprofits & More

Foundation/ Nonprofits

- Elgin Community College
- PADS Elgin
 - Networking
- Common Ground
- Community Rescue (Elgin)
- City Year
- Peoria Park District
- Continue Checking Idealist.org (some remote, some on-site)

Government/ State Positions

- Illinois Student Assistance Commission

ECC Positions Currently Open

- TRIO Coordinator
- Dual Credit Coordinator
- Registration Specialist
- Student Readiness Coordinator



After Meeting with Former Manager



- ✧ Administrative Assistant position open!
 - Would work under another former manager
 - I'd be working in Continuing Education in the Foundation Department
 - Continuing education office support position at Bradley
 - Once I apply, I'll be one of the top candidates
- ✧ Can apply anytime between now and the end of winter break
- ✧ Alumni hiring rate is pretty high (Former Manager himself is an alumni)
- ✧ He reached out to me on LinkedIn because of a part-time job I had applied for reached out to him as I put him down as a reference
 - Found out it was for the Midwest Communications Part time Street Team position that I had an interview for back in early September
 - They reached out to him within the past few weeks!
- ✧ He looked over my resume and told me to write my cover letter about my experience working them

Screenwriting and Publishing Research

- ✱ Taking a screenwriting course next semester
- ✱ Published poems in Broadside
 - Apparently I'm a poetry evaluator for Broadside??
- ✱ Plan to write a few articles for Her Campus
- ✱ Currently working on two novels and two poetry books
 - Finish writing and publish at least one within the next two years
- ✱ Will look into remote screenwriting options within a year of working

