

# Mission Moment



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Five years ago, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, I made the decision to come to CCSJ as a student and athlete. This meant a lot to me knowing that I could come to a college full of opportunity and empowerment to be bigger than myself in my impacting roles as a leader, athlete, student, and peer. Reflecting on my journey at CCSJ, I am deeply grateful for the multifaceted opportunities and empowerment promised through our College's mission.

Being a student, athlete and leader in the university has allowed me to explore, accomplish and cash in on many opportunities. Opportunities of being challenged as a collegiate athlete and living out my dream to compete at the college level. My collegiate athletic career has taught me invaluable lessons in teamwork, discipline, and resilience in a constant effort to compete and contribute to a positive culture. Since the day I stepped on campus I have been able to dive headfirst into my Biomedical Science degree and achieve goals of being fruitful in my studies. Academically, the challenge and diversity within my degree program, in small classes and the opportunity to create strong relationships with engaged faculty has given me a thirst for knowledge and the tools to be successful. The opportunity of making friendships and connections with individuals of different paths and backgrounds has been beyond price. CCSJ, although not overwhelming in numbers, has provided me with some of my greatest friendships. One of the coolest environments in our college family is the community of athletes who know and support each other throughout our journeys here. Additionally, through my leadership and campus involvement, I have had the opportunity to be celebrated in my journeys both in Whiting and beyond.

As my CCSJ tenure comes to a close, my time has been a testament to bountiful opportunities and true empowerment. Exiting CCSJ with strong footing in academics, athletics, and leadership, I am poised to embark on new endeavors with confidence, gratitude, and purpose to continue to find challenges larger than myself. I am extremely thankful for CCSJ's mission and am proud to leave here a better woman than I was when I entered this Crimson Wave family!