## **Mission Moment**



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Three years ago, as I was looking for a college and community to call home for the next four years, I found myself leaving campus after campus with questions and uncertainties. This was until I had stopped at CCSJ. I still remember walking through the building for my first visit in the spring of 2022 and meeting President McCormack. She knew every faculty member and student by first name, something I had not seen on any of my other visits. Although small and very different than the other colleges I had visited, I left feeling welcomed and confident that I could thrive in my academics and athletics while feeling like I belong here at CCSJ.

While at CCSJ I have been able to grow tremendously in all aspects of my life. Through balancing the load of classes and a sports schedule, I have become disciplined, more resourceful, resilient, and learned to strive for nothing but the best. Throughout all the triumphs and struggles that come along with school, I have grown closer to God and have never been more confident in my faith. At CCSJ this was easy as everyone here is looking out for you and accepting you for who you are. Everyone wants you to succeed and will do whatever it takes to help make this happen whether it is towards your degree, your field of work, or with your life in general.

In my time here, I have found that this campus is much like a family. I have made some great friendships and connections with both my peers and faculty members. The support here is tremendous and allows you to grow into the best individual that you push yourself to be. Through my experiences here at CCSJ I know that whatever my next chapter holds I am ready to step up as a leader and can make it through any challenges that I may come across. I am thankful for the CCSJ's mission and am thankful for the lessons I have learned that have pushed me to be who I am today.