

Common Interests Lead to Excitement in Learning

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As a freshman at Dordt College, Laura Baridon has enjoyed her first year as an engineering major. Having classes with people who have common interests, and sharing that excitement is one of Laura's favorite parts of college thus far. She hopes to use her engineering degree to hopefully make a difference in the world someday.

No matter what major, or classes you are in, Laura said that Hudson provided her with some important things for college. "My classes in Hudson taught me how to comprehend material and communicate well. These are two very important things in college regardless of subject matter." Laura's advice to incoming freshman is to learn to manage your time, and find time to study. "You can have time for a social life and homework, but you need to learn how to prioritize."

Thanks to her HEF Scholarship, Laura was able to have some extra money to use towards textbooks which quickly add up in college. As a current high school senior this is something important to plan for. HEF can help you make that cost a lot more manageable!

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