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I am a Junior at Radford University where I will graduate Spring 2016. I've grown up in the Radford/Christiansburg area since I was four years old, so you could definitely call me a local. I went to a tiny high school, called Auburn High School, where I graduated with about seventy students in my class and only four hundred total in the entire school. I wasn't sure about how I felt about coming to Radford, since it was so close to home and it felt like I wouldn't be going far away enough, but once I began school here I quickly fell in love with the school, the people in it, and what it had to offer.

My major is Philosophy and Religious Studies with a concentration in Religious Studies. I entered Radford as undecided, but thanks to the help of Dr. Thomas (who, as my quest advisor, convinced me to sign up for his Survey of World Religions class my first semester), and several

other professors, I enjoyed my classes and decided to declare Religious Studies my Sophomore year. I am not sure what I want/am going to do after I graduate yet (I don't think that many people really do), but it's likely that I will go to graduate school in order to further my education and open up more opportunities for myself in the future.

Along with being an ambassador, I am: a work-study student in the Philosophy offices; enrolled in the Honors Academy; a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon; and a member of Club Tennis at RU. I think it is important to get involved with at least a couple of organizations while in college. Doing so really helped me reach out and make new friends during the early stages of my college career, which will hopefully have lasting effects on the connections I maintain and the opportunities that may arise after college in "the real world" as well.