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The Bloomfield Educational Foundation would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you for your continued support and for all you do to help Bloomfield students succeed. Below, two students share their stories of college life which you helped to make a reality. Be on the lookout for more student stories coming in future issues.

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Josie Cruz - Rutgers Newark

My first semester has been such a wonderful new experience overall!

The pandemic is a large factor at Rutgers Newark, and we are complying with the regulations regarding masks and vaccinations. We also have a strong support system here to help us through this difficult time, showing compassion and concern for all students to

ensure we all succeed!

College life is liberating. My fellow students and I have to be proactive in our education, but it's also reassuring to know that I am in control of my education. It boosts my confidence and it's making the transition to adulthood easier.

The biggest change from high school is the constant moving around campus. Sometimes I have to walk a block or two to get to a different building for some of my classes. Another big change is that I have more free time that I use for studying, sometimes I have about 3 hours in between my classes that I use to do my homework, write papers, or complete the readings for next week.

One of my biggest academic accomplishments so far was when my professor used one of my essays as an example. I'm learning how to write in my own voice and how to write effectively, relearning how to write was a challenge for me. But it felt so good when my professor asked to use my paper as an example for class, I felt all my hard work had paid off!

I'm having a great time in college, learning new things about the world, and meeting amazing people! And I wouldn't be experiencing these things without the BEF community! Stay safe, and blessings always!

Melinda Hidalgo - Johns Hopkins

In general college life is hard work with a good mix of fun. Some of my classes this year include calculus, chemistry, chemistry lab, and intermediate French. I am having so much fun in these classes since they are in person, and I get to have a hands-on learning experience.

In college it is up to the student to schedule days and times accordingly, to turn in assignments, and study for exams while also leaving time for your mental and physical health. Teachers in college will not hunt you down for missing assignments or exams. It is up to you to manage your life and grades because at the end of the day, you are one of many students one teacher is teaching. One way I have found very helpful when I am feeling overwhelmed with all my responsibilities is to talk to my professors and get help from the programs offered to help students adjust at Hopkins. One resource that is offered here to every student is a study consultant, with her help I was able to create a good routine with my schedule so that I am spending my time efficiently. [Read more.](#)



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