My First Semester at OSU

I’m almost in shock that my first semester, half of my first year of college, is nearly over. It’s been a good semester for me though. I came to college looking to start over, and I feel like Ohio State has really encouraged me to do that. One of the main reasons I decided to come to Ohio State was because I felt like the University’s priority was that I should graduate a well-rounded person, and my time here thus far has only reinforced that belief. Although my engineering course load is strenuous, it is incredibly rewarding and I am proud of my hard work. In addition to academics, I have also been a part of two intramural teams, The Mountaineers club, and the Humanities Scholars.

I am originally from Michigan, and while I wasn’t apprehensive about starting college, there are definitely a few things no one tells you about going to school out of state that make the first semester of college difficult. For instance, I knew that most of my friends from home were going to school in state, but it never occurred to me how it would feel to see them all get together on a random weekend just because they could. I also didn’t realize that most of my new friends here would be from Ohio, so they can go home and visit their friends and families if needed. The beginning of college is definitely a difficult transition, although as time has passed and I’ve made more new friends Ohio State has begun to feel like home.

One of my favorite groups I’m involved in is the Humanities Scholars. Through them I have met my best friends here, almost won an intramural softball league, and played ping pong in a Chicago hostel rec room. Moving forward with Humanities I will continue to be as involved as I can, although I will honestly miss the weekly seminar class, as it gives me a guaranteed hour to spend with all my friends.