

Merry Christmas!

What a year 2016 has been! I worked at Disney World, was a camp counselor, voted for the first time, got my driver's license, and much more! I'm thankful for all the friends I made this year, and the friends who stood by me through it all!

My year began with my internship at Disney, where I made so many wonderful friends. I loved getting involved with Cru and am looking forward to being involved again this year. Because of my internship I changed my degree to hospitality and tourism this fall. I also transferred to Central New Mexico Community College (as an online student) for the time being, with hopes of eventually transferring to University of Central Florida once I can file FAFSA independently to get more financial aid.

As a camp counselor, I loved getting to see Children come to Christ and learn to love the Lord more. I wish I could do it all again! I also made so many friends that encouraged me in my faith so well! I continued to learn every day how faithful my God is, the lesson I've been learning since last summer.

Due to chronic migraines and nausea, I've returned to Minnesota for a few months after having to leave my job at the YMCA in Granby Colorado early. But I'm so thankful I did! I got to spend a few weeks with my dear "Bumpa" before he passed away on Thanksgiving. I live with my "Farmor" who is married to him, so it's wonderful getting to spend time with her. Spending time with my family without living with them has been very healing for my relationship with them, which has been strained since my depression in high school.

Looking forward to 2017, I'm excited for my second internship at Walt Disney World, and hopefully getting to stay longer this time, eventually getting a full-time job with the company until I can transfer to UCF.

Eventually I'd like to work at Disney as a Club-level concierge or work in the Disney College Program offices. Merry Christmas!

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