

S2S: STUDENTS TO SCHOLARS PROGRAM

SAMPLE WRITING ABOUT NKU EXPERIENCE

My first year at NKU has been quite an experience so far. Coming into college as a first-generation college student, I was extremely nervous about knowing how to navigate through campus. I choose NKU because I knew everything that I needed to be successful in school NKU provided. NKU's small classroom sizes gives a chance for that teacher to student relationship that has benefited me by having personal relationships with my professors as well as using our relationship as a resource. Going to the tutoring center has been very helpful for my academic success. I am in the tutoring center at least four times a week getting help in my difficult classes. Getting involved on campus has contributed to my success by not only networking with students, but also connecting with advisors and faculty. However, all of my successes and granted opportunities for my first year are due to the NKU R.O.C.K.S program. R.O.C.K.S has been a community and a resource that I continue to use for multiple purposes like mentorship, learning professional skills, and receiving professional advice. Being surrounded by a group of people who all look like me and have similar goals and aspirations as motivates me to succeed. Just this past Spring break, through African American Student Initiatives I had the opportunity to travel to southern states: Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee to understand the various conditions that have impacted and influenced both the individual and collective development of African American peoples. This trip was very impactful for me because I was able to expand my mind of tons of knowledge about African Americans that I did not know before and that is not normally taught within classrooms. NKU provides many opportunities for student success by expanding their perspectives. Going to a predominantly white institution there are some challenges. For one, I feel as there is a disconnect with students who are of color and students who are white. I feel as many students are not familiar with the cultures and traditions of different students that makes it hard to be sociable with those students. Another challenge is a poor representation of students of color in clubs and activities across campus. Many students like myself feel as it is hard to be involved on campus if we do not see a representation of students who look like us. I would benefit from the S2S Program because I am a strong believer in these types of programs. I have been in similar programs like these and I know firsthand that they do work. Learning effective resume building and internship search/preparedness on a college level, I know I will be able to compete for competitive opportunities in my career field. I am always looking for ways to improve my networking ability, being apart of this program I believe I can learn essential networking skills for better resources for myself and others. Finally, being in the career field would be most beneficial to my success by getting hands-on experience of my chosen career.