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One of the educational opportunities that serves as a point of pride for Mary is being a member of Alpha Zeta Partners (AZP) honorary, a co-ed leadership organization. Members of this organization must meet specific requirements, going through an application and interview process. She says the first-year AZP seminars, which covered leadership and diversity, pushed her to expand her thinking. She has also learned how traits affect one's leadership style, and tools to eliminate biases. Through AZP, she spent six weeks in Brazil. Mary has loved the connections built with AZP, whether it be with the Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association, or the African Youth League. Serving as AZP Chancellor, she enjoyed leading the organization and working with her fellow members and advisors.

Serving as a University Ambassador for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions has proven to be another truly rewarding experience. The experience provided her opportunities to engage with prospective students and families and share her love for OSU. With the university being her home for the past four years, and through her work as an ambassador, Mary hopes that she has helped in shaping someone else's college search and decision process. The feeling when she has changed someone's mind and encouraged them to attend OSU provides her great joy. She loves the connection formed with students from across campus and being exposed to different ideas and perspectives.

Serving as a Recruitment Host, Mary has been able to get an inside look into the Ohio State football program and gain even more pride of being a Buckeye. She acknowledges that this role has challenged her perceptions of student-athletes and our football program. She has observed first-hand how much the program cares about its athletes, and their academic success.

After graduation, Mary will be moving to Orlando, Florida to be a participant of the Disney College Program at the Walt Disney World Resort. She will be working inside the theme parks and networking with Disney professionals. After this experience, Mary hopes to transfer to a role within communications or public relations within Disney Parks and Resorts. Her professional goal is to work within a communications or public relations department for a large organization, whether it be agriculture or another industry applying many of the technical skills she learned as an agricultural communication student.

Included within Mary's academic honors are: Trustees Scholarship | Dean's List.

Mary selected Dr. Annie Specht as her mentor. Mary shares, "Dr. Specht has been my academic advisor for my undergraduate career and is always willing to help, whether it be scheduling issues or advice about internships. Whenever I encountered an issue with my class schedules, she was always able to offer advice or help solve my conflicts. She has offered advice on internship applications, and even let me use her office for my interview with Disney. Dr. Specht is a wonderful professor and I loved her publication design course. Through this class, I discovered that I really enjoyed print design and wanted to build on this skill. I think her direction and help during this course helped me find a new interest that makes me excited to be a communications professional."