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WHAT ROLE HAS COLLABORATION PLAYED IN YOUR ACADEMIC JOURNEY?

Collaboration has been essential to my academic success. I'm very fortunate to have found collaborators who challenge me, open my eyes to new approaches, and bring unique perspectives to our collective work. Additionally, the friendships we've built make the work even more enjoyable and strengthen my motivation.

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HOW DID YOUR TIME AT PURDUE SHAPE WHO YOU ARE?

My time at Purdue has truly shaped my academic career. My mentors, including faculty, staff, and colleagues, provided a supportive environment and encouraging community that empowered me to become more confident and independent. I've tried to emulate their examples in my own teaching, research, and mentoring so that I can help translate this experience to others.