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Hello! I'm writing to inform you that Destination Western was a huge part in not only my experience in getting to know Western Oregon University, but for so many others as well. I'm a first generation college student earning two majors and three minors in criminal justice at just 17 years old. To be completely honest, I was worried that I wouldn't fit in because I was so young, yet I was going to college after just completing high school in June at 16. By attending Destination Western or commonly referred to as DW, it has not only allowed me to gain friendships with people that I hangout with till this day, but also gave me the sense that I'm human and I belong at that college, especially being a first generation student at just 17 years old. My hope is that this program continues to exist in order to not only provide a review into college life, but give others that sense of belonging that they have so long searched for. Thank you.