

Kelly Hadfield:

"It's difficult to choose just one fond memory from my time in the department. Some honorable mentions would have to be Pedar terrorizing me with his homemade puppet, the silly days-long debates everyone on 16 would get into (and Kayla tweeting about them), and the feeling of walking out of the Foster after a long, dark day of tech with people I love. Though not technically one single memory, the thing I will remember best about being in the department is the pride of watching my friends grow into their best selves—both inside and outside the theatre.

If I could tell someone coming into the department as a minor anything, it would be to get to know everyone, because my best friendships in all of college have come from my involvement in the department. I started out as a major and dropped down to a minor pretty late into my junior year; I'd want any prospective minors to know that that is totally okay to do, and everyone will be just as accepting and welcoming whether you're a major or not. Just get involved! If you put your heart into what you're doing, no matter the level of involvement, you will do well here.

After graduating, I'll be heading to Chicago to pursue an MA in sociology (which was my major here at Pitt) at Loyola University. I will definitely miss everyone in the department, and its close-knit environment, most when I leave."

