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My fondest memory from the department is the last day of my Acting I class. Each student put their name on a piece of paper and set it somewhere around the classroom. Our instructor played music while everyone walked around and wrote a farewell message or memory about each person on their paper, anonymously. I still have my paper and it is one of my most prized possessions -- I look at it whenever I'm feeling down or want to remember everyone from the class!

The minor is a great way to get involved in the department and combine your interest in theatre with other areas of study. My career focus is in health and science writing, and adding the theatre minor to my other classes was one of my best decisions in college.

In May I will remain in Pittsburgh, joining the Jewish Healthcare Foundation team as a Communications Associate. As I prepare to enter my new position, I will remember what the theatre department taught me about collaboration. From being a dresser for Pitt Stages' Marie Antoinette to working with fellow acting students on scenes, I have learned that each team member's contributions are vital to getting the job done. With good communication, a positive attitude, and a willingness to listen, a group of people can accomplish amazing things.

I will remember my time at Pitt as a period of growth and change. I have learned a great deal over the past four years, and I cherish the friendships I have made. I am so glad that I was involved with the theatre department, and I plan to stay involved with theatre and creative projects as I go from Pitt!

