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“Although I have only been in the department for a year now, I can definitely say that declaring my theatre arts minor was one of the best decisions I made at Pitt. For those of you who are currently declared or thinking about declaring the major or minor, you are making a great choice and my advice to you would be to not be afraid to chase after what you love and try something new. Whether that means declaring your major or minor, auditioning for shows, or enrolling in classes that will push you out of your comfort zone and challenge you more than anything else, it will be completely worth it as you have such a supportive network of classmates and instructors that will help you to succeed and improve not only as an actor but as a person.

Had I not decided to turn my whole educational track upside down at the last minute and try something new, I would have missed out on some of the best experiences of my undergrad education, including my favorite memory from my time here, being cast in Head Over Heels this spring. Although I won't actually get to perform in the show, getting to work on it up to this point with such an amazing cast and crew was truly inspiring and I'm really looking forward to coming back to see how it comes to life in the fall!

After graduation, I will be moving to New York City to study in the musical theatre conservatory at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy. If it wasn't for the incredible faculty and students in this department, I don't think I would have had the confidence to even audition for a program like this one, let alone get in. Thank you to everyone who has helped me get to this point and Hail to Pitt!”

