"The Economics Department has very friendly faculty and students. I appreciate my professors' role in encouraging me to realize my full potential and appreciate my studies. The trips and conferences led by the department are just priceless in exposing students to the practical world, and are also great opportunities to have fun with the faculty; they shouldn't be missed! I loved and enjoyed being a part of the Economics Department!"

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