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My experience at Central Connecticut State University can best be described as inspiring. From the faculty and staff, to the students, this is an institution that displays great pride and unity. At central, we are all referred to as a family. It is no surprise seeing as how we all come together to support the university's growth and overall mission. I came to Central as both a graduate student and a graduate intern. This has given me the unique opportunity of experiencing the internal and external components of this university. I am studying student development in higher education. This major teaches us the value of student affairs as well as the impact it has on a student's growth and development. I spend the majority of my internship in the student center. Although it is only one building, almost every student knows it as the living room of our campus. Over 60 students consider the student center their job, with responsibilities ranging from managers to technicians. Without them our building could not be sustained the way it is on a daily basis. Because of the funds we receive, we are able to support over 100 clubs and organizations, ranging from cultural, mental health, identity, leisure, recreation, and so much more. My involvement as an undergraduate meant so much to me and got me to where I am today. I would love to see these organizations and programs continue to see the funding they need. All the students I work with spend tireless hours planning, meeting, and executing these events. To many, their clubs and organizations give them a space they can feel accepted, wanted, and appreciated in. Central Connecticut State University has done an amazing job expanding its outreach to all of its students and taking our wants and needs to heart. We would not be in the place we are today without the state of Connecticut's continued support. Higher education is a fast changing system and it is imperative it sees the continued support from all of you to meet the demands of an ever growing new generation of students.