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**Transcript (copy segment transcript here):**

[43:20-46:11]

[00:43:20] Yeah. So is there any advice you'd want to give to any A&M or future first gen students coming to A&M.

[00:43:32] Don't be afraid of coming here.

[00:43:33] I know a lot of people are, just because of the stereotypes that are here, that you people aren't going to like you just because your skin color or that you're not going to fit in because you didn't grow up on a ranch or whatever.

[00:43:45] Don't be afraid of coming here. I definitely was a little bit.

[00:43:51] I didn't think I was gonna be accepted that much just because of all the stereotypes. I've never been here when I came on tour, but there was a diversity group tour or whatever, you know.

[00:44:04] But yeah. Don't be afraid to come here. It's. And it's my favorite place on earth.

[00:44:10] This little this little tiny town with the most fun being the movie theater with five dollar movie tickets is my favorite place.

[00:44:18] Like really? College Station is my favorite place.

[00:44:21] It is because I have this this school with like seventy thousand people that I know all like genuinely care for me and like the staff really cares for me. We have people out here rooting for you every single day, except for the police officer who pulled me over the other day.

[00:44:37] I'm kidding.

[00:44:39] Everyone here is just like just really wants you to do well. And yeah, my advice is just don't be afraid of coming here. It's definitely gonna be a really, really, really different environment.

[00:44:50] Than a lot of people grew up in. But there are so many resources here. Like so many different like aspects like the financial aid office is really going to try to help you out. Like they really like like first gen, thank God.

[00:45:08] But even then, like, if something goes wrong, they're really gonna want to help you out. Like, financial aid is so helpful. Just like your undergraduate advisors. I'm sure they're meant to help you for academics, but a lot of time they're willing to just like have you sit in their office and you could just screen for like 30 minutes and they'll be chillin like your academic advisor. They're great. Your professors, your professors don't want you to do that in their classes because I'm never gonna get My Rate My Professors and their grade distribution is going to go down and the university is going to call them like.

[00:45:35] What's going on? You know, like they don't want you to do bad and they're teaching for a reason.

[00:45:39] They genuinely, they want to share the information that they learn and the information that they're skilled at. They want you to learn. And still no one wants you to do bad in your class. So don't be afraid to go talk to professors if you're like not having an easy time in your class because they want you to succeed. Everyone here, like genuinely wants it, wants you to succeed and is rooting for you. So don't be afraid of it. And there's like there's just a ton of people here ready to help. And A&M in general is just really excited for you to come here. Yeah.

Thank you so much.

Yeah no problem.