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Transcript (copy segment transcript here):

[07:57-09:16]

[00:07:57] So tell me a little more about ACREW.

So ACREW is it's a program under LAUNCH, which is a I think it's like a wider program that houses a bunch of first generation like scholarships and programs and stuff like that. So ACREW is one of them. It's like Aggie Collegiate Ready to Explore the World.

[00:08:16] And I was paired with a mentor who I didn't really connect with. I met her like once and everybody on my floor in my dorm. We all had to live and we had to live in Hobby Hall and one hallway, two hallways. It was that everybody was ACREW. So we had to live together.

[00:08:37] People in the program, we had like learning communities where like you would get together with your peers and your mentors and do whatever. We had classes which really taught us it taught us about like the resources it taught us about, like the financial aid, Senator, the money, educations and stuff like that.

[00:08:58] The Economic Resource Center. Yeah, I mean, I mean, I think it's I think it's really good.

[00:09:07] I wish I'd gotten more out of it. I did. I was a mentor my sophomore year. They really encouraged that. So, I mean, that was pretty cool.

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[00:20:17] So you talked a little bit about your organizations, can you share what you're in?

[00:20:23] What you're involved in. And how that's impacted you.

[00:20:28] Okay so the biggest thing that I'm involved in is right now I'm the president for the Council of Minority Student Affairs. It's an immigrant advocacy organization. I've been in it since my freshman year. It was the first organization I joined and it's where I

met my best friends. Really, it's where I grew a lot. It's where I advocated for a lot. It's definitely my most favorite thing here at Texas A&M. I'm also a part of the like the Latinx Graduation Coalition, which I kind of mentioned earlier.

[00:21:05] But just planning the ceremony.

[00:21:10] That's a lot of people didn't think was possible. Not even five years ago, four years ago. And making it a success. Really making Texas A&M more inclusive.

[00:21:25] That's that's the role in that organization. I'm also a part of student Senate. So there I really want to. And I have pushed resolution for for my Latino community, the undocumented community, and support any other initiatives that my fellow senators may have for their own peers in their own communities. I've also been involved in the Latinx Community and Advocacy Association, which has just been a really great resource for especially for first generation Latino students who come to Texas A&M. And there that's, you know, there. I really developed my freshman year. That was my first leadership position. And I mean, all of these things have just been a combination of my experiences back home and things that I want to do at Texas A&M. So, you know, so that other students don't have to worry about the things that I did coming into, into this university. Also, part of Latino Logradores really just a community for Latino students, not not really any activism, anything like that. I was like, really chill. We just eat food, talk about things that, you know, we have in common. It's a mentorship program, so I'm a mentor for that. And I mean, that one is really laid back really fun. But I think it's important. I think that a lot of the students benefit from that mentorship because, I mean, people are the greatest resource and a lot of situations. So that's really just some people's first quick connection to Texas A&M.