To whom it may concern,

My name is Ariana Estrada and I am a second year undergraduate student at DU and have had the privilege to be a part of the CWC scholars program. Through the work done in the program I have been able to be a part of something bigger than myself which is something individuals spend a lifetime chasing. I have come to the realization that Trisha is the root for how we have been able to take in all of this knowledge. I have had classes before with similar curriculum but was never able to see the importance in what we learn until CWC, specifically with having Trisha as our professor. She has dedicated herself to first help us identify who we are as individuals which can be seen through a lot of the course work of reflecting and identifying how we work in groups or positions of leadership.

With this sense of belonging and being firm in knowing who we are she then has shown us how to acknowledge and embrace diversity. We come in knowing diversity is important but then through the course we are able to see this importance in a new light, a light of beauty. We do this through action like different projects where we strive to fill a community need or bring attention to a problem. The course has been designed to allow us to be creative and be passionate about the changes we want to see. This is especially appreciated considering that the CWC scholars program is made up of women from different backgrounds that have been seen as target groups throughout history. With this it has allowed us not to try to blend in but come together and each bring something different to create something that will move others. The information has always been there but through Trishas patience, understanding, and guidance we have taken everything in and used it in a productive way to which we will continue to do so and hope to teach others the way Trisha has taught us.

Sincerely,

Ariana Estrada