



support me both inside the classroom and beyond. It is all of these small, extra efforts and a steadfast dedication to our learning that sets a Lasallian education apart and makes Lewis so special.

Perhaps the person who has had the biggest impact on your Lewis University experience was someone outside the classroom. Was it a coach? A mentor? Or maybe it was a moderator for a campus activity. I found my passion for social justice through my experiences in University Ministry and the way the staff inspire leadership. As Lasallians we are called to serve others and advocate for justice. In the same way that our Lasallian community has welcomed us, it is important that we let those who struggle know that they are cared about and that they are not alone. My question for us- a challenge, really, is how can we use what we have learned here at Lewis to make our world a better place? What decisions can we make to ensure that those around us are afforded the human life and dignity they deserve? No matter what our field of study may be, we can all find a way to contribute our gifts and talents to serving others. This service is part of the legacy we will leave behind, and also a part of our future.

nerve-wracking as that sounds, it is finally time for us to face that moment. I feel confident moving forward after being equipped with the invaluable tools that come with a Lasallian education. For me, my social work and theology classes have helped me prepare for my future career, and our general education courses have illuminated those things we have in common. Lewis University has dedicated itself to helping us grow in our studies and in our faith, and now it is our responsibility to dedicate ourselves to carrying on the Lasallian tradition in our life beyond Lewis.

Now that the countdown to graduation has finally reached zero, it is time to celebrate! We earned this day. Everyone knows as well as I that it was not always easy. We struggled through sleepless nights, complicated lab reports, difficult lessons, and what seemed like endless exams. Today is something to be