Student Letter

Several faculty members reached out to current students and recent alumni to ask for their impressions of Valparaiso and their experiences in a computing major.

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Subject: Re: BUDNIK: Request for help / information
To: "Mark Budnik"

Hi Professor Budnik!

I would love to help!

1) SWE definitely helps play a role in creating an inclusive environment. Valpo is also really inclusive in that the professors are really good at making sure the women in the classes are included in discussions. If someone asks a question or asks for further explanation, the professor is very good at explaining them without seeming condescending or acting like "a guy would know this".

2) I'm usually shy to answer questions in class because I'm afraid I'm wrong. In FEA, Prof. Blood called on my to write an answer up on the board, and I was hesitant. He just handed me the marker and told me I knew what I was doing, and to be confident. I wrote up on the board and I was right! It helped give me the confidence in class.

Hopefully this helps!

Student Rachel