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Final Writers Self Portrait

Over the course of my career here at Pace University I have really seen myself grow as a writer. I came into the university with a somewhat strong writing background. Ever since I was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade my teachers knew that there was something special about the way I wrote my essays. However I never imagined the exponential potential I had to grow in my writing. Professor de Vries saw something in me that I hadn't saw in myself. She saw that I was a great person that had great ideas but needed a little help with my grammar and organization. She pointed me into the right direction and showed me what I needed to improve on into to become great. I saw an increase in the amount of figurative language I used in my essays. Professor de Vries taught me what a block quote was, something I had seen in many passages that I had wrote but never realized I myself could use in my writing. I still have some work to do. I don't always use commas correctly and sometimes my sentences run on too long. But I'm am a better writer today than I was a year ago because of Professor de Vries. She is a spectacular teacher and editor and deserves so much credit for what I was able to accomplish during this school year. I will take tips and tools she taught me and hold them with me for the rest of my life. I'll never forget what I learned and I am a better student and person because of the opportunities I had during this class.