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Heidelberg has many amazing people who work, learn and live here. Being a small community, we hear so many personal stories that touch our hearts every day. We sat down with a graduating student, Cassie Wheeler, to hear her story and why she chose Heidelberg.

"I initially chose to attend Heidelberg to play volleyball. Due to an injury, I was unable to play my final year, so I decided to get involved in student life and join Greek life. I had the opportunity to run/host many events and become part of a new family with Excelsior Men's Society as a corollary member.

I entered Heidelberg as an Athletic Training major. I had intentions of being an MLB athletic trainer for the Miami Marlins because I am also fluent in Spanish. When I started taking classes for AT, I found that I didn't enjoy what I was learning at all. I always had a passion for medicine and Anatomy but sold myself short thinking I wouldn't be successful in the difficult classes. I ended up changing my major to Biology with intentions of pursuing a medical degree; I am now graduating and attending mortuary school in the fall of 2019.

Two of my favorite things about Heidelberg are the amazing faculty and staff and the opportunities you receive. I had the honor of planning and running one of my favorite events this spring, Fresh Check Day. FCD is a mental health check day that allows students to participate in fun, interactive booths while also learning valuable information about mental health. This event is so important to me as I believe it is vital to raise awareness and increase knowledge about mental health.

What I'll Miss Most? DEFINITELY the people that I have met. The amount of lifelong friends I've made during my 4 years at Heidelberg simply cannot be replaced."

We would love to hear your story. Email <u>admission@heidelberg.edu</u> and tell us why you chose Heidelberg! This weekly email is archived on our website for you and parents to view at any time by <u>clicking here</u>.

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