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Abstract

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SURGE

[VERB] : to move suddenly or powerfully forward or upward

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Yasmine joined BSU in her freshman year, and it was with this organization that she was able to find a community of like-minded people on campus. She found similar qualities in CPS, which she started to get involved with in her sophomore year before taking on a position as Program Coordinator in her junior year. Yasmine also pursued involvement with CPS because she knew that it would afford her the opportunity to continually support social justice initiatives while honing her leadership skills. She found role models in former CPS

program coordinators Erin O'Connor '15 and Sarah Scott '16, who also worked with LIU Migrant Education and inspired her to pursue her passion for social justice and education. In her work with the LIU Migrant Education program, Yasmine has learned how to be an effective leader, forge supportive relationships with students, and been pushed out of her own comfort zone.

It was during an immersion trip to Morocco that Yasmine realized that she could take her passion for social justice and turn it into a career. She had always known that she loved helping people, but the trip opened her eyes to the real possibility that she could turn social justice into her life's work. Yasmine wants her career to be focused on education, and she looks forward to investigating the many ways that she can work to promote it. In her time here

at Gettysburg, Yasmine has built a community of supportive, like-minded individuals and learned more about herself through the process.

Thank you, Yasmine, for all of your wonderful work!

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