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Abstract

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

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Emily is involved in many organizations on campus. She is currently the President of the Latin American Student Association (LASA), the First Generation Programming Intern at the Office of Multicultural Education (OME), the Multicultural Overnight Visit Coordinator for Admissions, and an Associate Editor of The Sociology Review. Emily sits on several committees, as well, including the Student Life Committee, the Bias Awareness Resource Committee, and the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Advancement (IDEA) Committee. She is also a member of the Black Student Union (BSU), the Gettysburg African Students Association (GASA), and the Barbecue Club, and works at the post office. In her sophomore year, Emily was also the leader of Diaspora House.

Emily derives motivation from her own status as a woman of color on campus. She wants to create supportive communities where students can come together, have fun, and uplift each other. It's important to her that every Gettysburgian feels like they have a home here on campus. For Emily, organizations like LASA, BSU, and OME are important components of this goal.

Though she still has a year left of her undergraduate studies, Emily is already thinking about her future. Next semester, she will study journalism abroad in Morocco, and in her senior year, she hopes to spend a semester in Washington, D.C., as well. She hopes to further her social justice work by pursuing a career in journalism, where she'll provide a counter-narrative to those that are currently provided by mainstream media.

Thank you for all of your fantastic work on our campus, Emily!