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Abstract

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SURGE

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

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Last year, Anna was involved in many more clubs on campus, but has taken a step back to prioritize their wellbeing, recognizing that doing that is a radical step in itself. They are also now focused on elevating the lives of trans and non-binary people in the work of social justice. They have done this by creating strong and welcoming social spaces for LGBTQ+ students on campus and by challenging problematic gender and racial norms on Voice of a Generation.

As a gender non-binary student, Anna often feels like it's a fight to stay on campus. Yet, they say what keeps them going is "the people who have been fighting to create change for centuries." Anna feels a sense of duty to continue what others have been working to advance for so long. Anna says that their experiences have taught them, "If I don't stand up for myself, no one will, and that if I see myself as a victim, I will remain a victim."

In addition to this important work, Anna is committed to being a strong ally to people with marginalized identities different than their own.

Members of the LatinX House share their appreciation for Anna's efforts:

"Anna has taken the time to learn about, understand and appreciate our LatinX culture. They are a supportive, welcoming, smart, and funny friend who is, most of all, a great listener who is aware of their privilege as a white person. They do not try to victimize themselves, excuse their whiteness or get stuck in feelings of white guilt. Instead, they use their privilege to amplify problematic issues that marginalized students often address, but have not been heard. We love and acknowledge Anna's defiance to societal norms, recognizing their identities and body are forms of protests in themselves. We love you, Anna! Despite all the difficulties that you have to overcome daily on this campus, please keep being the person who follows their heart!"

