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My name is Laura Martino, and I am currently a junior here at SUNY Canton. I am in the Veterinary Technology program and on track to get my Bachelors degree. I am originally from Syracuse, NY, and have lived here my whole life. In high school, I first found my passion for the medical field in my laboratory technology class at BOCES. I gained more knowledge about the veterinary field and decided that being a vet tech was the career path I wanted to pursue. After visiting SUNY Canton once, I realized this was the school for me. I fell in love with the labs and the diversity of the classes. I moved onto campus and lived in the all-female wing in Mohawk Hall. I met a lot of my now friends here and learned more about different majors that are offered at Canton. After my first year, I decided to utilize the pet wing and brought my cat from home. His name is Cooper, an Orange DSH, and he is one of my favorite things to talk about. Having my cat here gave me a new taste of home that I didn't have before and helped me in more ways than I thought it would. I was able to re-establish a schedule and spend more comfort time in my dorm with him instead of hours in the library. My passion for school has only become stronger since starting here, and I look forward to my vet tech courses every day. My lifelong plan is to continue into veterinary school and achieve my dream of becoming a veterinarian. I will be the first person in my family to become a doctor, and they have done nothing but support me the entire way. I am fortunate and grateful to have my family as my rock, as I know they will be here for me as I continue the crazy journey that will be my career! In addition to being a student ambassador, I am a member of the Veterinary Technician Association (VTA) club. I love the events we hold to show the community what vet techs are made of. Lastly, I love the professors at Canton, as they made everything clear and fun to learn!



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