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Being a UTA has been a lot of fun. It's been an invaluable experience for me as I continue with my own education. Through balancing a busy schedule as an undergraduate with the responsibilities of the program, I've learned to better appreciate the time constraints that define an academic career. Although I've had experience as a private tutor prior to joining the UTA program, having to work with a variety of students each with a different perspective and style of learning has greatly affected the direction of my approach to education and learning. When it comes to helping a roomful of students each at different stages, nothing becomes more important than effective time management.

The benefits of the program aren't just restricted to better time management skills though. I feel that I've had to develop a better balance of listening and translating. When working with students in office hours and through email, finding easily understandable ways to connect new concepts with students' experiences has been the biggest benefit. Being able to take lessons and translate them using just a little bit different terminology and then seeing some of the students making that breakthrough, finally understanding something that had eluded them previously.

I've enjoyed being able to work with others participating in the program as well. Learning more about my classmates and some of their motivations to join the program has been a highlight for me. The teachers and participants in the UTA program are very helpful and seem to always be enjoying their experiences, whether they were first-timers in the program or returning from previous semesters. I would strongly recommend that anyone who has an interest in making education more accessible should definitely join the UTA program.