

# FRESHMAN APPEAL

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# ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**“But there are some things you cannot be sure of. You must take a chance. If you wait for perfect weather, you will never plant your seeds. If you are afraid that every cloud will bring rain, you will never harvest your crops... In the same way you don’t know what God will do-and he makes everything happen.” -Ecclesiastes 11 4-5**

## WHO IS ELLIGANT ?

The line I get told most about my name is that it’s unique and unheard of. However, it gets tiring hearing that time and time again, because instead of my name being associated with my achievements, it’s just recognised as being rare . In the other hand, I am a first generation college attendee so even if I never get recognized for anything else I’m proud to even make it

to college. The verse above is the verse I have tattooed on me. I have a hard time going for what I want because of fear of failure. But the verse helps remind me that I’ll never know what the outcome will be if I don’t take the chance. And regardless God has control so the outcome is part of hHis plan for me.

## GET TO KNOW ME

IMy name is Elligant Johnson, I’m 18 years old and my birthday is January 13th, 2006. I don’t have many hobbies but I do enjoy reading and occasionally painting. I am a first time freshman butI am classified as a sophomore because the credits I received in high school. As a high school student I attended Ouachita Parish High school in Monroe, Louisiana.

While attending high school I cheered all four years, consecutively. However, I have no aspiration to cheer in college because of the stress I believe it’d put on my life. With that being said I also didn’t want to lose that part of my life completely so during the summers I work for UCA.

Despite having a summer job, I have been working while attending here. I don’t really have anything interesting bout me. I try to put my focus on school primarily so I don’t have anything going on outside of my classes.



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## TYA REITZELL



### **WHAT HAS BEEN THE HARDEST PART OF COLLEGE SO FAR?**

“Waking up for classes, being on time, and attending classes while still trying to maintain all of my relationships. Living in these dorms without the guidance and financial support of parental figures has also played a part in my first year college experiences. ” - Tya

### **WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR AND WHY'D YOU CHOOSE IT?**

“My major is biology of science. I chose this major so that I had some flexibility in my occupation choices, following my graduation. With the degree in biology of science I can work in different fields without feeling too committed or stuck within one.” - Tya



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# SAMARIA TUCKER



## **WHAT YEAR OF COLLEGE WOULD YOU SAY WAS THE HARDEST AND WHY?**

“I would have to say the hardest year for me was my freshman year. It’s a big adjustment. The type of instruction or the lack of, should I say, the shift in grading for over achievers, and responsibilities and prioritizing.” -Coach Sammi

## **WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE A FIRST TIME COLLEGE STUDENT?**

“Take it day by day. You’re not alone everyone has experienced the struggles you’re doing right now. Try to set and write short term goals. Don’t only think about graduation or a degree. Think about tomorrow.” -Coach Sammi



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## COLLEGE FROM MY

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## POV

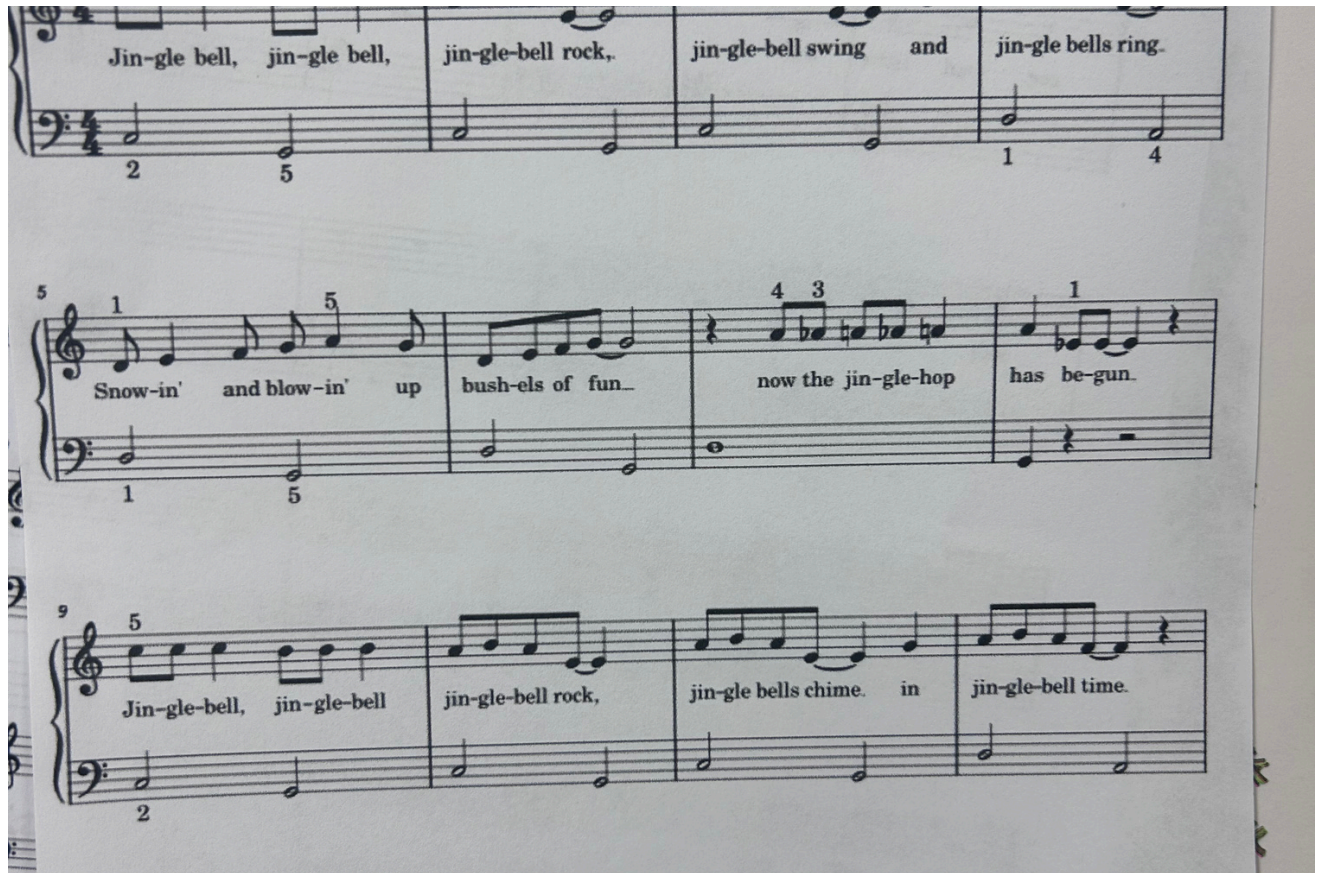


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So far almost every day since my classes have started, I have questioned whether or not I am meant to be here. I struggle to find the motivation to do the things I know I need to, to be successful within my classes. I have a hard time managing my time and I don't know how to study. In my opinion college is just a larger and more advanced version of high school. With that being said that would imply that college should come easy, but it doesn't. On the other hand, college hasn't been all bad. I have made new friends and started to find myself in ways that I hadn't before. It's just hard to balance my social life and academic life. With college comes the stereotypical parties every week and events to make college seem more fun than miserable. But if you aren't careful then you'll get caught in the fun and forget what you came to college for to begin with. Personally, I don't really party much but that doesn't prevent me from getting off task when it comes to my assignments. However, since I've come to recognize my errors, I know where to start next semester to my college seem a little less stressful.

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## HOBBIES/INTERESTS



By: Elligant Johnson

I don't have many hobbies, but one that I have begun to put my interest in this semester is piano. Now I am not the best piano player ever, for it is just a hobby but I have begun to find joy in playing regardless. It initially started off as just an elective class that I needed to take, to make the credits and requirements I need for my major. However, the more I have attended the class, the more I have started to actually want to do it on my own time. It also gives my niece and I something to relate with because she plays piano as well. I can't really decipher who's more advanced, but she takes piano lessons on her own time after school. The only lessons I receive are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. I hope that I find the time to continue practicing it even when my class ends because I want to actually become good one day or at least decent sounding. As my final for piano approaches, dread fills my body knowing the class will end soon and the only way I'll play after it ends is on my own time. Since starting college I've learned that there's hardly any time to spend on none class related activities, so I doubt I'll still practice.