

Grace Corriveau interviewed by Lexi Jackson on March 27, 2024

**Lexi Jackson:** First, I would like to get your permission to record this interview and upload it to our website.

**Grace Corriveau:** Yes.

**LJ:** Alright. So the next thing I want to talk about and begin with is just the background information about yourself, like your major, things like that, and your experience here at UMW.

**GC:** Well, I'm a junior here at UMW. I'm a marketing major. I actually, last year was my 1st year here, but I came in with credits, so I get to be a junior. I started at the CCC last year at the Fall Club Carnival. That's where I met Elizabeth. And my experience with the CCC, but also on campus, it's just been one great community. I love how inclusive the environment is and, yeah, I'm proud to be an Eagle.

**LJ:** How would you say that the CCC has helped you here at UMW?

**GC:** The CCC has been my home away from home for sure. Like I said, I met Elizabeth at the Fall Club Carnival and I went to their first event of the semester the next day, and I had a blast. I got to meet everybody. Everybody was so welcoming. I met a lot of the seniors, and they kind of just took me under their wing. And, yeah. Definitely home away from home, a safe community

where I've grown in my faith, and I've seen others grow in their faith, and it's been an amazing experience.

LJ: So around campus on UMW, do you live on campus now or have you lived there?

GC: Yeah. So last year, I was a freshman, so I lived in Randolph. And then this year, I live in Arrington.

LJ: Okay. Did you come in from, like, community college, or was it, like, high school credits?

GC: Yeah. So, I graduated high school with both a diploma and an associate's degree. So I came in with kind of 2 years under my belt, but still classified as a freshman, so I had to be a freshman. But it was a great experience.

LJ: Did you like Randolph and Mason, the buildings there?

GC: Yeah. I love it. I would go back, actually. That's where I met my current roommate. She was also my roommate then, and we've become really good friends from that. Yeah. Those buildings are probably the best freshman dorms on campus.

LJ: So as far as, like, physical things around campus, like Ball Circle, are there other things like that that you've noticed, that are just, like, big changes or have affected you in some way?

GC: Yeah. So I think just cosmetics wise. I know that they just finished renovating the UC and kind of, changing up their menu to fit more students needs which I think is amazing. And like Elizabeth mentioned, Ball Circle definitely was a big change. I got to experience a little bit of Ball Circle and kind of the beauty of it, during my fall semester of my freshman year. But then they closed everything down to kind of grow the grass and fix it up for graduation. And so I do miss it sometimes because I just think it's a great space. I love when we had a carnival there and, I think a lot of clubs held events there throughout the semester.

And I think recently I've heard that they have been combining majors across campus. So I'm in the College of Business, and I know that our new dean, who's brand new to UMW and the College of Business this year, she has, she's in the process of combining economics and computer science and bringing those into the major, and I think that's that's pretty cool and there's a lot of changes going on there, that I think are are gonna be good in the long run.

LJ: Do you have a favorite place on campus to, like, go hang out and just enjoy being there?

GC: That is a tough question. I feel like I have a lot.

LJ: You can name a few.

GC: I love the library. That's actually where I work on campus. Okay. And it's just so nice and quiet and a great place to study. So when I need to get work done, that's where I would go. Other

than that, Eagles Nest and the College of Business, that's my, my home. That's where I take all of my classes. So I think that's where I spend most of my time other than the CCC.

LJ: Alright. Well, thank you so much.