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The Most Amazing thing...

What is the most amazing thing to happen to you? When asked this question, people pause, they think before usually saying the first thing that comes to mind.

The word amazing is often defined as causing great surprise or wonder; astonishing.

For students on Drake's campus the most amazing thing to happen to them varies.

Hannah Thomas, a sophomore majoring in English and magazine writing, described her the most amazing thing to happen to her as meeting her favorite band completely by chance.

"I would say this summer completely by chance I got to meet my favorite band and music is very important to my life so that was huge for me"

Thomas' favorite band happens to be Motionless in White, a metalcore band from Pen they've been around just over seven years. Thomas has been listening to them since 2012.

She had been at warped tour, an alternative music festival, in Saint Louis, MO.

Thomas had known she was going to see them perform but had not known there was going to be a signing.

Then she saw a sign, signing here at 2 O'clock.

"I thought I'd have to pay but I took a chance. That's not normal for me, but I asked how to attend the signing, and was given a ticket."

There she stood waiting in line, on a hot and humid summer day. She was third because she was an hour and a half early.

"Good thing I was too because it was a 20 min signing"

It was very quick but I got to see my favorite members and got to shake the lead singer's hand.

“We talked about the weather for the 10 seconds I got to meet them then he complimented my piercing and tattoo and I was gone,” Thomas said.

Others, like Amber Smith, a sophomore majoring in computer science, said it was getting a really important internship.

The internship is with Cerner corporation, this corporation whose motto is strategic innovation in healthcare, for today and tomorrow, it is huge in the medical computer science industry.

Technically, Cerner is a supplier of health information technology (HIT) solutions, services, devices and hardware.

Smith had applied for the internship in high school, “I was at a bus stop picking up a friend. Then I got an email,” she said.

Smith had worked all through high school to achieve this, it had always been a dream she said.

“I immediately uploaded it to Facebook, I was screaming at my friend,” Smith said.

Smith has continued to re-apply for the internships that Cerner has offered and gotten them for the past three years. She continues with the company to this day and is already set to go back to it this summer.

For some, the most amazing thing is more recent, Ellen Convers, a sophomore majoring in News, was at the Des Moines downtown Farmer’s market when she got to pet a dog, multiple dogs.

“I and my friend walked around for like two and a half hours just petting dogs, to me it felt like 10 minutes,” she said.

Converse said, she and her friend didn't even buy anything, that they were just there for the dogs.

There were multiple dog breeds and Converse got to pet almost any they came across.

Others did not know what the most amazing thing in their life was.

Chene Ramsey, a senior majoring in PR and advertising, said, "It was probably transferring to Drake and being able to graduate on time."

Ramsey added, "I feel blessed because some of my other friends who've transferred other places are having to stay longer to graduate."

"I liked the national recognition that Drake offers, I enjoy that the academics are taken more seriously here, she said."

The same went for Lauren Moe, majoring in Biology, she is trying to graduate a year and a half early.

"Ending up here and attempting to accomplish what I'm trying to do is probably the most amazing thing right now," she said.

Moe said it was completely unexpected to end up at Drake, but that how it all played out made the transfer here worth it.

Whether it is meeting an important figure in our lives, getting the internship we wanted, a small event, or just ending up somewhere, the most amazing things in our lives vary. These women demonstrate that the most amazing thing in our lives can be anything as long as it means something to us.