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Hometown: Pittsford, NY
Major: History major, Music minor
Hobbies: Playing music, reading, having crazy adventures.

Do/did you like Geneseo? Why did you choose to come to Geneseo?

Ben: Geneseo’s reputation as a high quality liberal arts college is what initially attracted me. I was not sure about exactly what I wanted to do when I came to college, and Geneseo seemed like a place where I could explore some of my various interests while receiving an excellent education. My hometown is only about thirty minutes from Geneseo, which is convenient. I am involved with a lot of different things in Rochester, so being able to go to school close by is helpful. I like that I am a part of two very different yet connected communities. The cost of tuition at Geneseo was also a major selling point.

I like Geneseo very much. I feel that I have developed a lot of great relationships with people that will last for a long time. I have learned so much—inside of the classroom for sure, but also about other things, like how to live and interact with other people. I especially value the creativity of people here. There is a really wonderful music/art/academic community, and people are doing all sorts of creative things that inspire me quite a bit. I feel very fortunate to be around so many intelligent and talented people who care about each other and about fostering an open-minded, creative environment.

Why do you feel that GREAT Day is important?

Many of Geneseo’s students are incredibly talented and innovative thinkers, but they do not always receive appropriate acknowledgement. For me, GREAT Day is about recognizing the outstanding work of our peers and commending them on their achievements. Most of us know that we are surrounded by many independent and intelligent people here on campus, and celebrating that is a really special thing that we should be doing on a daily basis. GREAT Day is a nice reminder.

How did it feel to present your work at GREAT Day?

It’s a big honor to be able to present at GREAT Day. The amount of effort students put into GREAT Day projects, presentations, and performances is truly remarkable. I am completely amazed by some of the things people are doing here. It honestly sometimes feels like I should not even be in the same company as some of Geneseo’s other students, because their work totally eclipses mine on so many levels. We have people doing very inspiring things here, and it is awesome to be a part of a community of people who support each other. It is a great privilege to be a part of GREAT Day.