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As a member of the first cohort of Kovner Opportunity Scholars tell us about your experience in your freshman year and any pointers you'd like to share for future KOS scholars?

I learned a lot this year and absolutely love UF! I tried a lot of clubs and societies, some stuck and some did not. Next year I have a leadership position for Engineers Without Borders and will remain active in GRiP (a design team that 3D prints prothesis) and the UF Surf Club. I am also emailing professors this summer and will hopefully be able to find a research position for the fall. I'm still getting used to new ways of studying and learning.

If I could give any advice it would be to talk to everyone you meet (classmates, older students, professors, your RA, even the people that work in the dining hall) because you never know who's going to be able to share things that will inspire you or lead you towards an opportunity that you didn't even know existed.

What surprised you the most?

I am surprised at the amount of freedom in college. I've had to work a lot on time management. I was surprised at how much of my grades rely on exams. Another surprising thing is that I actually really like football.

What did you do this summer and how did it come about?

I am currently interning at GE Aviation in Cincinnati working on the LEAP engine mostly doing data quality control rather than actual design. It's been an amazing experience and it's fascinating to learn about the design aspects of an engine and the technology that goes into developing it.

How it came about is that a fellow student told me that GE was one of the few companies that recruits freshman so I went to the GE booth at their career fair and met their recruiter who agreed to interview

me the following day. That evening, I received a call from the recruiter that they were having a social event for their top picks in 30 minutes. I was at the library so I closed my books, got on my bike and raced back to the dorm, changed my clothes, called an Uber driver and got to the event right on time! Once I arrived, each division of GE had their own table but I was the only student at the GE Aviation table. I spent a good hour just chatting with the recruiter one on one.