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**Write about one of your failures within your academic career and what you learned from it.**

One failure from my academic career is my lack of interest in student organizations. Throughout my college years at California State University, Chico I haven’t joined a student organization until this semester. Reflecting back I realized that I tend to have stereotypes regarding student organizations. I felt that student organizations are full of politics and not fun to join. It wasn’t until my last semester at Chico State when I realized the benefits student organizations can offer me. The main reason why I didn’t want to join a student organization is that I felt I couldn’t put in the time and effort that is required. I was a full time student with two majors and I also work.

This is my last semester at Chico State so I decided to join a student organization that is related to my career. I now know there are many reasons why one should join a student organization. Some student organizations help you with career, some help you with social skills and some help you with personality development. I now know that joining student organizations is a great way to network. In fact it seems that one of the easiest and best ways to network with students who have similar interests is by joining a student organization. Joining a student organization that related to my career has helped me to get a feel of my professional career. Joining a student organization has somewhat help me developed my social skills, leadership skills and communication skills. Most important, I now realized that joining a student organization can be fun. I get a chance to meet people and build good friendships at the same time I am having fun.

I realized that it was an academic failure that I have not joined a student organization until my last semester at Chico State. However, I am glad that I have joined a student organization before I graduated. I have learned from this academic failure and will make sure it doesn’t happen again.