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This Valentine's Day will be extra special for Littleton, Colorado sophomore Irene Russon. It is the first Valentine's Day she will be celebrating with her boyfriend.

"I like Valentine's Day," Russon said. "I've never had a significant other or boyfriend or anything for Valentine's Day but I do this year, which is really exciting for me."

Although they are long distance, he is currently in Waco visiting her and also plans to visit her the weekend after the holiday to celebrate.

Her current favorite Valentine's Day memory is a girls' night she had a few years ago. Everyone brought a different type of charcuterie board, including sushi, fry, original and craft boards. They watched a rom-com together and even wore matching pajamas.

Even without a significant other, she said it's fun to plan things with friends to celebrate Valentine's Day.

"I just like the vibes," she said.

She has always enjoyed celebrating the holiday and its significance.

"My dad thinks it's one of those Hallmark holidays that's not really that important," she said. "But I'll take any excuse to celebrate love."