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## Red Statue

Tucked away, in front of the Bergendoff Music Building stands a dark red steel statue. The statue rises from a round concrete slab. The twisting sculpture gives the statue a sense of movement. The deep red color stands out sharply against the neutral tones of the grass and pavement. Tall trees surround the sculpture providing shade, and the leaves are shifting to fall colors. A crisp, cool breeze fills the air blowing my hair. In the distance, I hear cars passing by and people chattering. The golden sun filters down through the trees, making the leaves shine and producing shadows on the sidewalk. The red, curvy statue sits inside a ring of dark green bushes, making the statue stand out more.

The statue goes straight before it curves up into a half circle. I see that there are three half circles coming up right before each other. There is a red spout coming from the right side with three little lines coming down from it. This piece of artwork has lines and curves that are coming from all around this piece, providing uniqueness and a sense of differentiality.

This reminds me of my transition to college. I was with my family for 18 years of my life but now I am on my own. It's like I am the red statue on my own but surrounded by my family and friends who support me. I see something in this statue's uniqueness. There is no other sculpture like this red one, and in the same way there is no one like me. The sculpture begins with a straight form before bending and expanding. My life followed the same predictable

schedule of school and dance then suddenly it curved into new experiences, going to college, and a new independence. This statue is distinctive and provides movement but has a stillness to it.

There is movement in its shape just as my life has been full of change. Surrounded by the artwork there is a cold breeze and leaves on the ground. As people pass this statue, I wonder what they think.

For me, I like this statue because it's different from other statues I've seen. This statue stands out on this campus, and every student here has their own unique path. I feel like this statue is beautiful with the curvy movement of it. Everyone on a college campus is different in their own way, shaped by their own twists and turns, yet still supported by people close to them. The red, curvy statue stands alone mounted on a concrete circle but surrounded by nature showing support and beauty.