**TRIO Achievement Program**

**Featured Student**

**Name & hometown:**
Samantha Ea ‘16
Maplewood, MN

**Major / year in college?**
English and French double major / Senior

**What brought you to Luther?**
I was familiar with Luther because my oldest brother and sister graduated from Luther, but when I toured Luther the summer before my senior year of high school, I felt “the click” when I was walking around campus. I told myself that this is where I should be and I’ve never looked back.

**How did you choose your major?**
I chose to major in English because I loved Paideia my first year (thanks to Amy Weldon), and I’ve always loved reading and writing. I added a French major after I went to France, J-term my sophomore year, for my minor at the time.

**What are your career goals?**
After spending two months in France this past summer, I would love to work internationally, translating or working with different people from other cultures. I would love to work for a non-profit and be able to travel and be the liaison, working with different organizations. I am also still interested in going into education whether that be in the states or in another country down the road. Or do some sort of journalism job.

**Name three things you do to have fun:**
Eat, watch Youtube videos, and run!

**Who is your favorite cartoon character?**
Snoopy.

**What makes you feel the most secure?**
My incredible family and closest friends.

**Who do you admire most and why?**
I admire my parents the most because they are the strongest people I know, coming from Cambodia and working insanely hard to provide a future for their five kids.

**Name one important characteristic you look for in someone you consider a friend.**
Honesty.

**If you could instantly become fluent in another language, what would that language be and why?**
Cambodian because my parents are from Cambodia, and although I understand pretty well, I only can speak a little!

**What was your favorite t.v. show when you were growing up?**
Recess.

**If you could have been told one thing when you were a teenager, what would have been helpful?**
Be yourself and don’t care about what others think of you because you live for you and not anyone else.

**What is your favorite class and why?**
One of my favorite classes would have to be Adaptive P.E. with Coach Wettach because I got to play with a young middle schooler for an hour, three times a week, which was always the best part of my day. It was also such a rewarding opportunity to be able to play with kids with special needs and get to know them and learn about their lives.

**What is your least favorite class and why?**
My least favorite class would be Bio 151 when I was a first-year because I am definitely not a science person. Glad I am no longer a Bio major because I really struggled.

**Name one thing you could not live without.**
Chapstick.

**What is the weirdest thing you have ever eaten?**
Bear.