

Dear Alice Yang,

Stevenson Core cemented for me the fact that I was in a place of higher learning. That statement may sound ridiculous, because one would think that just the act of attending lectures, receiving syllabi, and doing class work would do the trick. But being in a crowded lecture hall filled with 300+ students was alienating. Core's small class format was immediately familiar to me as someone fresh out of highschool who thrived most in english class, with the only difference being that the material we were covering and the conversations that we were having were more advanced and exploratory. Core introduced me to the idea that people could speak about society fluently and critically. I'm a significantly more socially engaged person because of my experience with core. Losing it will usher in a new generation of students without that foundation; a foundation that I think is of utmost importance to what it means to be a student in the midst of exploring higher learning, their identity, and society as a whole.

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