Dear future tutors,

I am writing this latter under the pressure of the final exams. Assignments, exams, and college applications have occupied a big portion of my time. However, I never regret to be a tutor and take the training course. I still remember my first tutoring session. I was so nervous. After the session, I was glad I have been helpful for my tutee. I discovered that I really enjoy helping people. Joining the team of tutoring, you are able to enhance your English ability even further. The role of a tutor is to help tutees; however, at the end of the quarter I realized tutor is the one who gain most valuable benefits. I have learned a lot from my tutees because their ideas, their cultural backgrounds, their experiences, and their insights towards various topics are really inspiring. In order to understand tutee’s writing and providing usefully suggestions, keeping flexibility and objective are necessary. The techniques we learn from the training class really have transformed a person from a normal reader perspective to a tutor viewpoint. For example, when a tutor is dealing with a fully developed essay, we purposely look a writing from the global level to the sentence level prioritize the procedure of the tutoring session in order to provide the maximum help to tutee in a limited time. You may worry about how to recognize the errors from the paper. It may be difficult, but do not give up time will assist you to build up this ability which you have already had in your mind. Throughout the quarter, I glad that I have gain more sense about different writing styles.

Making new friends is another benefit of being a tutor. My tutees become my friends because we have built up the trust between each other in this quarter. Moreover, my working colleagues who I am taking the training course together also become my good friends, too. Even though the class is scheduled four o’clock in every Thursday afternoons, it is the most interesting class which I do not want skip. The atmosphere of the class is warm and friendly. Opening the door of the class and walking in is like entering a lovely living room. Learning and friend bonding becomes one. The working place, the WRC, is very enjoyable. Even though we have encountered various difficulties in our tutoring sessions, we are willing to help each other. The thought of helping turns into a positive energy that influences the people in the WRC. We work separately with our tutees, but I feel I am still working with them. I am not afraid of dealing with some difficulties because I know the great tutoring team will back me up. If you are an international student, being a tutor is absolutely worth. It is definitely going to enrich your school experiences and really bring you into the culture. For some international students, studying aboard can be very interesting but sometimes alienated. Staying with the people who speaks the same language with is the solution to deal with homesickness. However, the shortcoming of that solution makes international students lose their chances to practice English speaking. I used to come to school for my classes and left right after because I had nothing to do at campus. After becoming a tutor, I feel there is a spot for me, or there is a place I can go. My relationship with the school shifts from a stronger to a friend. Moreover, the experiences of being a tutor will be the best stories that you can share to your friends and family members in your home countries.

The experiences are also going to benefit you when you apply for a job.

After saying the benefits of being a tutor, mentioning some issues of becoming a tutor is also necessary because life is not possible to be always happy. Being a good tutor is required a lot of efforts. Sending time with your tutees and doing all the assignments from the training class is anticipated to encounter. Time arrangement becomes so important. Unfortunately, You may have mean tutees. They may take advantages from you, and they may also blame his bad grade on you. Do not worry too much. You can do it as one of my favorite quotes said by Eleanor Roosevelt, “You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, ‘I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.’ You must do the thing you think you cannot do.” It is life, and I believe my friends you can make it through.