Introduction to *Writes of Passage*

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Throughout the past few years at Wheelock, I have learned that writing is one of the most important ways you communicate with others, whether this is in school, in your professional field, or outside, in your work community. At Wheelock, no matter what arts and sciences major and/or professional major you are in, writing constitutes a major part of your success. In each field, writing has a different purpose and approach: for humanities, writing is often critical and analytical; for human development, it is frequently interpretive; for math and science, it is more precisely factual; and for the professional majors, it may be reflective.

As we develop our writing skills in these areas, they become integrated into the way we communicate with others. We learn to be concise and accurate with our word choices, to be grammatically correct, and to play with language to create unique sentences that reflect our ideas. We are then able to explain the case study, lesson plan, and/or patient observation in a way that is respected by others in our chosen field.

As a student at Wheelock College, I have seen this importance reinforced in my courses through numerous written assignments and through the WLCE graduation requirement. Taking this lesson to heart, I have worked hard to develop my own skills and passion for writing in order to foster it in other students.

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dedication to writing excellence and the students’ abilities to turn this lesson into reality.