Acquiring New Skillsets
Working with Ben Swimm—the Homesteader-in-Residence at the Sustainability Semester site—I gained a variety practical skills necessary to planning and managing a productive piece of land.

Experiences Included:
Maple Sugaring
Garden Planning
Seed Starting
Chopping Wood
Building Cubbies
Dehydrating Fruit

Food and Farm Philosophy
There’s an intimacy found in growing the food that adorns the dinner table, a proximity that simply cannot be replicated with corporately produced products. Before living on this farm and learning through my CBL, I longed to know the keys to subsisting upon land that I myself worked, but had no idea where to begin. This experience has not provided me with all the secrets, but it is certainly a major start down the path of self-reliance.