

Journey Success Story

As long as I can remember no one has ever believed in me or encouraged me to believe in myself. In fact they told me I would not amount to anything. My mother was on drugs and wasn't able to take care of my sisters and I; therefore, I had to step in and take on the maternal role, but at the same time I was wondering who was going to be my mother?

I used to act out looking for love, security, and protection in all the wrong places. I was thirteen years old when my sisters and I were taken and placed into foster care.

Once I was placed in foster care, it wasn't much better than being with my mom, but it gave me more time for me and I wanted to improve myself. As I entered high school, I found a teacher who believed in me and saw potential that not even I knew I had. I started to apply myself and began to excel, yearn for change, and prove all the people wrong who doubted me.

It was May 2002, when I graduated from high school with honors. That was the happiest day of my life, because I had achieved my first milestone. I worked hard each day so I will not become another statistic. I do not agree with people when they make excuses of why they cannot do something, because there is nothing you cannot do if you apply yourself. It has been eleven years since graduation and I have been working in Admissions at a college for the past five years. I work hard to try and change the lives of others by believing and encouraging them the way my teacher encouraged me.

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UNIQUE JOURNEY

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WHY SHOULD I BE INTERESTED IN UNIQUE JOURNEY?

College is a time of major transition for most, if not all students. The transition involves understanding the dynamics of college life, ensuring financial aid is secured, studying, communicating with instructors, staff, and peers; knowing about available resources on and off campus, and balancing personal, work, and school life. Unique Journey is here to be a support and a confidant.

TIME MANAGEMENT

- Organize your school supplies and personal belongings
- Turn off all electrical devices during crunch times
- Get plenty of sleep and eat properly
- Make a list of responsibilities
- Prioritize
- Plan time to relax and have fun
- Set times for reading, completing, and submitting assignments and personal business
- Remain calm when feeling stressed. Allow your stress to become a motivator

STUDY SKILLS

- Prepare yourself mentally to study
- Allow 1 ½ hours per day to study for each subject
- No cramming
- When reading do not highlight, but rather make notes
- Whichever your preference, study where it is quiet or has background noise
- If possible, study in the room where the test is administered
- Study with a friend
- Spend less time on material you have mastered
- Take breaks
- Apply all subject material to real life situations
- Ask questions
- Stay relaxed