

Senator Jim Bunning
316 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bunning:

An instructor at my school extended an opportunity to me to share, "What my career college education means to me." My career college education has given me the opportunity of a lifetime. It not only means a higher knowledge of employment skills I need for job placement and success, but also knowledge of myself and what my capabilities are. With the experience my education has given me, I can go forth and make a life. I can perform in the business field that I enjoy; all the while, making a stable and suitably educated home for my family, and setting an example for my children to follow when it is time for them to go out into the world.

I am 32 years of age. I have been married for twelve years and I am a mother of two teenage children. I was raised in Scottsville Kentucky until age 9, when I moved away, returning after I had become an adult. I have always wanted to travel and my hobbies include puzzles, listening to music, and reading, to keep my mind sharp. I made average grades in elementary school, poor grades in high school, and eventually dropped out in my 1993 sophomore year. I never imagined I would return and graduate from high school much less have the opportunity to attend college.

I decided to attend the Daymar College-Scottsville Campus in the fall of 2008. Once I arrived, I spoke to Director Mr. David Young. He helped me enroll and I was advised about Financial Aid Assistance. With my inability to gain and maintain employment because of medical complications, financing was a big concern. I alone would not be capable of funding my tuition, books, and other related fees. With the Pell Grants provided through governmental Financial Aid and the help of Vocational-Rehabilitation I was able to concentrate on my education and learning the skills I needed to succeed, and not so much on how I was going to afford it.

Attending my first class, Mr. Danny Shipley's "Strategies for Success" taught me how to raise my self-esteem, to change my self-image, and that I can accomplish anything I believe in myself to accomplish. This class should be introduced to every student, in every university around the world during the first or at least second term schedule. My experience here at Daymar has had a great impact on my life and has transformed my beliefs about myself and my abilities to become a success in life.

I have been taught an abundant amount of knowledge and skills, including but not limited to; Excel & Information Processing, Public Speaking, Critical Thinking, Human Resource & Business Management, as well as, Supervision, Business Writing & Accounting, all of which can provide me with countless opportunities for career advancement after graduation.

Employers desire to hire individuals who acquire and can demonstrate these kinds of skills. They believe that the skills a college education can teach a person can provide them with the capabilities, and precedence to strive onward and succeed, giving them the competence to accomplish the tasks given by such an employer.

“What could the federal government do to improve education and educational goals?” I believe the government can find a way to make education easier to obtain for those who are less fortunate; offering more choices and tools for success, and enabling them to reach their goal of making a better life for themselves. Why should education be limited to only those who are wealthy or rich, while the poor have only their dreams?

We as voters and citizens of this United States of America need to devise a plan that can assist in offering everyone a proper education. Most poverty, crime rates, over crowded jails, unwanted pregnancies and drug usage, stem from a lack of education. “Why is there a lack of education?”, because people can not afford it. Education can make you. The lack thereof can leave you with nothing but unattainable dreams.

I am again thankful and extremely privileged that my career college education in Business Administration Technologies at Daymar College has given me another chance to start over at life and make something of myself. This has been an opportunity that I never thought was possible. I am still interested in scholarships, and other funded assistance, however, I have been unsuccessful in obtaining knowledge of such. I welcome any reference to such issue(s), that you may have available.

Sincerely,

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