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The first time I found out about Kentuckiana College Access Center, I actually went to my counselor from school and I told him I wasn't too sure about going to college. I actually took a year off before I went to college. Before I took the year off, he told me, 'You know, that's fine, go out and do something whatever you want to do. But there's a place that they can actually help you out if you ever decide to go back to college.'

KCAC was basically the first fundamental step that I took into before I got into college. If it wasn't for the Kentuckiana College Access Center, I wouldn't be able to be where I'm at right now because they helped me through the whole process. Every year, every semester I came back to them, and they actually helped me to find scholarships, how to fill out my FAFSA. They also gave me advice, and if it wasn't for them, I probably wouldn't be here.

Well, I want to finish my master's at Speed School. And, when I finish my master's I want to go to take the MBA. And the field I want to go into is robotics. I want to be an engineering manager in the field of robotics.

My brother, he just recently graduated from high school. I told him about it and also many, many other friends, especially in the Latino community. It's very hard for them to get into college because they don't have that, somebody telling them, helping them through the process. I actually gave them advice that the first thing you have to do is get up and go and open that door. Get into that office, and talk to one of the counselors. Because once you do that, everything is easy flowing, flowing easy, you know. If you do that, you have much success in your future.

One of the things that helped me a lot was talking to my advisor from Kentuckiana College Access Center. I spoke with him. He gave me advice on how to study, time managing, how to find that place where just to concentrate and study, find friends to help

you out. That was very helpful to me. Because we had that special connection, we never lost that connection. We're still connected. I was still getting help from him, and that was wonderful. I mean that helped me a lot.

I think that one of the things is just make sure you start early, that way your mind will be fresh, you know. But if you don't start early, it's never too late. I think it's never too late to come back anytime.