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I got involved with the Kentuckiana College Access Center through my mom. She had herself been engaged with the organization with trying to set up for classes and financial aid, and she guided me to the organization when I got ready to go to college.

I had actually just graduated from Seneca High School. During that time, the popular thing was to go to the military. So, I was actually on my way to the Marine Corps, and my mom talked me out of it. She told me to try college first. I took the two years at the Jefferson Community College and kind of matured and kind of got comfortable with college life and then I went on to the next level. I enrolled at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. And I went there for four years. I took international marketing and economics at the University of Kentucky. I graduated with a bachelor of science.

I had been working a summer job at a small human service organization, the Wesley Community House. And I was working with young children for a summer program. I did that each summer until I graduated. The executive director at the time offered me full-time employment. And so, I'm actually in human services now. So, actually, the field chose me, I didn't choose it.

I actually was engaged with KCAC before I went to Jefferson Community College. And I actually went to KCAC each March to renew my financial aid all through my college career, even up until, well, even now, I'm working on my Ph.D. so I've actually stayed engaged with the organization for the last 20 years.

I think if I had not received resources for financial aid and college admission and guidance, I don't think that I would have had a smooth transition or as smooth transition as I've had.

There's so many different programs that KCAC offers I just may, looking back, thought I would have done some more research and maybe participated in some of the other resources and programs that they had offered.

The advisor at KCAC, she was very encouraging. Words were very supportive, and I think that just hearing that from somebody who didn't know me, that was helping me, kind of stayed with me throughout my course of studies.