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I was a sophomore at Jefferson Community and Technical College. I had to find financial aid to enter the University of Louisville. My parents and I had been splitting the tuition at Jefferson Community and Technical College, but I needed financial aid to continue my education.

I tried to fill out a FAFSA, and I thought it was kind of complicated. I thought, "This is for the birds!" Then someone told me the people at KCAC would help me file my FAFSA. I was just amazed that I could come to KCAC and get that assistance for free. It was very quick.

I've been coming to KCAC for several years now. Every year, I'd tell my counselor, "This is what I'm doing now. This is what my grades are."

My story is a bit different from anyone else's. I was in trouble when I was younger, but I changed my life. I would always tell the KCAC counselors about my story and what I was doing. I went there for assistance with financial aid, but I could tell my story and they listened.

KCAC helped me secure the loans I needed to go to school. I also received several grants. The burdens of student loans aren't as large because of their help. They helped me secure money to go to school.

In the middle of the semester when you're really busy, it's a lot more helpful to just go to KCAC and get their help with financial aid applications than fill out all the paperwork yourself. It's a lot faster and takes a lot of stress off your shoulders.

I started out with a major in Marketing. Then I took my first Finance class, and it clicked. I've always been really interested in the stock market, so I decided to switch to Finance. I graduated in December 2010 with a Bachelor's in Finance and minors in Marketing and Economics.

The day after I graduated, I was already studying for my GMAT exam. I studied for two months, took the test, and enrolled in the MBA program in Entrepreneurship at the University of Louisville. I plan to graduate in May 2013.

After I graduate, I'm going to take a break from school and start a business. For me, everything depends on starting a business and making it succeed. I'm focused on that and the MBA program.

I may go back to school in 10 or 15 years and get a Ph.D. But first I've got to get out there in the private sector for a little while.