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Tunxis Testimonial

Due to my father serving in the military, I have been living a nomadic lifestyle. I've been constantly moving from place to place from countries as far as South Korea to states such as Idaho. With each move, I had to go back to the drawing board and readjust my plans to reach my future goals. I want to become a child psychologist because I want to help each child grow to have a meaningful and successful life. However, this path seemed to be difficult because with every move: I had to meet new teachers, make new friends, and put my best effort in to catch up with the rest of the students. This was exasperating, especially, upon coming into the middle or the end of a school semester. People would ask me, "why do you even try?". In which I would simply reply, "Every obstacle is a challenge that motivates me to try harder. If I give up now, I'll never get to where I want to be". Tunxis Community College has drilled this growth mindset into me and has become my extended family.

The encouraging and supportive staff members have pushed me to want to better myself, use my capabilities to bring awareness towards social issues, and be a hardworking member of my community. Change in life is always a guarantee but here in Tunxis I was able to build solid relationships with those around me that have helped me grow personally. I have come to accept vulnerability, in which Brene Brown states is the gateway for opportunities and novel experiences or the birthplace of innovation, creativity, and change. I have been able to come into contact with like-minded students and come together with them to create a club we call International Outreach. We provide members with opportunities to raise funds and spread awareness towards international issues. While growing our leadership, communication, and critical thinking skills and helping others around the world.

Seeing the diversity and inclusiveness that our campus holds is truly inspiring. I see it myself as a teacher's assistant at a local preschool. The parents or grandparents who are dropping off their children also attend Tunxis. The flexibility that our community college provides allows students to work off campus, maintain family obligations and stay close to home. Our campus provides students with information for job opportunities off and on campus. They also assist with mock interviews, writing resumes, and an abundance of knowledge.

I come from a large family which is lively but also means I need assistance with funding. Tunxis has been a blessing to me through providing a surplus of information on scholarships and assistance for financial aid. They are also supportive of my family's military lifestyle through the Veteran's Oasis. This is an outstanding example of how community colleges are there to support families and individuals from the military.

Our college and its staff have been quick to adapt to the changes due to the covid pandemic. Tutoring sessions are always available, professors are easy to reach out to, and the communication is strong. They work fluently and effectively as they strive to ensure their students are on the path to success. I was nervous about heading into an online classroom but the availability of support helped ease my mind. There is always an understanding and motivating presence both off and online that encourages students to intensely focus on their goals while knowing that they have a hand to guide them. Community Colleges are extraordinary places, filled with staff who are attuned to the needs of their students. This will always be a part of my extended family and I am honored to be a part of life here at Tunxis.