

2020 Scholarship Blurbs

EOC Program

Jessica: "I refuse to let my past dictate my future...EOC has been pivotal in helping me overcome so many obstacles." "Melody has helped me every step of the way." She helped with a resume and interviewing preparation that enabled me to get hired at Geisinger.

A.G.: The EOC Program "gave me the opportunity to visit many colleges which I probably wouldn't have visited on my own". My EOC advisor encouraged me to "follow my dream of a pharmacy career" and today I am enrolled at Wilkes University. "As a first generation college student, I was clueless about the college procedure" but thanks for the program, I got accepted and realized that I could achieve my career dream".

Corianne: "With the help of the EOC Program, I was able to excel in high school, graduate second in my class, and get accepted into every university that I applied to." The "EOC Program is one of the most beneficial connections I have made, and the opportunities it has brought me has helped me to become the college student and future educator that I am today".

Dylan: My EOC advisor not "only helped me with the confusing applications for aid but also helped me to understand more about careers". I thank EOC for helping me to get "closer to my childhood goal" of being a paramedic.

J.T: "While preparing for college, my focus is on what I can do to impact the lives of others."

Maria: After losing my husband and becoming a single mom, I knew that "I had to be a great influence and achieve great accomplishments to show how strong I am to my three children and make sure that they do the same, to make their dad proud from above". And thanks to the EOC Program, "Melody has helped me and all three of my children" with completing the college process.

Melissa: My EOC Advisor helped me to apply to college even though "I am very nervous about moving forward with going back to school". My goal is to be a social worker and help those "children who are ignored by the system"; I am very "passionate about helping kids and I can't wait to start my journey".

Nicole: "I am grateful for the guidance of the EOC and it's knowledgeable staff, who have helped me to better understand the financial aspect of post-secondary school." I have felt "less alone and overwhelmed by the process thanks to the support and kind words of encouragement".

A.S: "Since, I would be the first person in my family to go to college without the help of Mr. Leonard I would have struggled." My parents were very apprehensive about the applications but Mr. Leonard stepped in and "gave us very valuable information about student loans and scholarship opportunities".

M.W.: "Without the assistance of the EOC employee, I wouldn't have known how to complete the FAFSA form to apply for financial aid." The EOC Program was "instrumental in my college planning process".

M.K.: "I did my FAFSA form with Bill Leonard and he helped me tremendously throughout the process", thanks to him I am realizing my dream of attending college. "My greatest motivation is my future so I push on, to get a good college education so I may get a better job with a better future".

MJ: "The college application process can be complicated and the EOC helped make it effortless." "The EOC Program was a great help to me and my family." "The EOC offered us assistance in completing the FAFSA and helped us to understand the financial aid versus scholarship benefits."

R.W: "Through my participation in EOC's financial aid seminar, I gained a further understanding of the intricacies of the financial aspect of higher education." Thanks to the information provided by the EOC Program, "I have a greater confidence in my comprehension of the cost of higher education".

Alex: "The EOC instructor was so nice and sweet. She took her time and didn't rush me" even though me and my parents had a lot of questions. "She is the nicest person I've ever met" and kept great conversation even while filling out the FAFSA application. "I would highly recommend her to anyone else that needs help with their FAFSA application".

Y.P.: "As a first generation college student, I was clueless about college. The EOC program has helped me every step of the way." "I have been involved with the Talent Search program since 7th grade and quite frankly, it is one of the best decisions I have ever made."

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Caitlin: "Through the EOC program, not only have I learned useful skills and information that I will need later in life, I have had opportunities to share those skills as well." "The people at EOC have helped me learn various things about higher education, which benefits me greatly as I start a clean slate at a four-year university."

Carolyn: The Talent Search Program "would take us on trips to different universities and if it wasn't for this program, I wouldn't have the opportunity to see these colleges". "This program helped me with SAT Prep courses." "This program led me to meet Angeline who has been an immense help and even helped me do my FAFSA."

C.D.: "The EOC program has greatly expanded my knowledge in both higher education and career choices that are available to me." "Thanks to the EOC Program, I've learned crucial information about the medical field and health education as a whole." "I've managed to see some of the schools that have crossed my mind throughout my college search with no cost, despite some lengthy distances. It was because of the program that I was not only able to see some of these schools but also have full tours throughout them without worrying about the cost of such a task." "I am very grateful for having an opportunity lie this in my life."

Daniel: "The EOC program has helped me a lot, I just came from another country and they took me as a family, showed me what I needed to do in order to go to college, they helped me to fin in this school year." "I've found my path thanks to the EOC program."

D.P.: "The EOC Program recognizes my desire to pursue academic excellence; therefore, I benefit from the Talent Search program's academic, career and financial counseling for postsecondary education."

E.H.: "Before joining the EOC Program, I didn't know anything about college, financial aid, and the very long process." "As the first person in my family to attend college, I wanted to know everything, so I joined Talent Search. With all of the meetings, academic field trips to universities, and all of the fun/learning activities, the EOC program has helped me achieve my goal of going to college and becoming an ER Physician".

Hailey: "The EOC was a very helpful program, I was able to participate in without missing any classes. I participated in this program during lunch and it was a great boost with helping to prepare me for college."

Kayla: "I benefited from this program because it taught me how to apply for scholarships, how to apply to college, and told me useful information to help me in the future." The Talent Search program helped me to stay focused on my career goal of a cardiovascular surgeon, and "I am glad to be in this program and I am excited to take the next step in my life".

Lydia: "Mr. Smith was always available for help with any questions in regards to the College Application Process. In my junior year, I would spend lunch with the EOC program and learning about the different topics he had to offer, and also SAT Prep prior to my tests."

M.P.: "I was in eighth grade when I was asked if I wanted to join the EOC program. At that time, I was unsure what this program was about and if it was really worth it. However, now I can confidently say that it was one of the best decisions I have made. EOC has helped me overcome challenges in the various stages of my life." "The program helped me get involved in the community and choose a career path. In all honesty, if I had not joined this program, I would have been totally lost."

"To the future students, wanting to join this program, join now!" "I am confident that I will be successful in pursuing this career because of all of the information that I learned at the EOC events."

M.M.: "Diversity is what makes America so great."

Rebecca: "I found out about EOC during my first few months at school. EOC has helped me to organize my thoughts about college, what I would need to do to successfully fill out a job resume, how to write checks, and in general how to handle my finances. I felt prepared and ready to tackle my future head on, all of my doubts and worries were gone."

Sam: "The TRIO program has helped me achieve a variety of scholastic goals that I don't think I could have achieved on my own. As a first generation student, the idea of the college process is impossible to comprehend but with the TRIO program's willingness to help I was able to maneuver through the college process without issue." This "program didn't just show me how to apply to college, I was able to tour colleges around PA!"

Y.F.: "The EOC Talent Search program benefited me in many ways! It provides counseling information on college admissions and financial aid." "It is really important for me to get to know things before I make a choice and EOC provided me many opportunities like field trips and for academic growth."