A graduate’s story of success: “Thank you, Sullivan University”

“My name is Jason Nathaniel Hulvey and I am from the small rural town of Somerset, Kentucky. After graduating from Pulaski County High School in 1994, I decided to attend a local community college, but I did not even make it to midterm before I dropped out. After a couple of months of feeling like a complete loser, I decided to re-enroll the next semester. Again, I dropped out by midterm. One year later, I had enrolled for the third time, still with no goals or direction. I managed to hang on for about one and a half years and then decided I would never attend college again.

Sullivan changed his life

“Over the next few years I worked several jobs and even had my own business, but I felt limited and extremely frustrated. My business eventually fell through, and I was at a crossroads: keep doing what I was doing, or make a change. I decided to make a change. I made a commitment to get my bachelor’s degree, but I did not want to attend a college where the classrooms had two or three hundred students; I wanted some personal attention. I wanted an education, not just a piece of paper. This is when I decided to look into Sullivan University and it is the best decision I ever made.

“I decided to pick a program that I would enjoy, and enrolled into Sullivan’s Human Resource Leadership bachelor’s program. I graduated with a 4.0 grade point average and earned the President’s Cup Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

“My dreams came true

“In high school I made it through without ever reading a book cover to cover. After years of frustration, I decided to do something about it. I went after my dreams and I’m living them now.

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“So what enabled me to make such a major transition in my life? First of all, I was sick and tired of living a mediocre life. I wanted to live a life of contribution. In order to achieve success, I had to change my thinking. I knew that I would have to work hard, but Sullivan helped me to believe that I could be successful. My desire is for you to change your thinking and believe that you will succeed too!”

Students get a taste of the good life

Sullivan’s Early Childhood Education students recently took part in a fine dining experience with a field trip to Winston’s, Sullivan University’s award-winning gourmet restaurant on Sullivan’s main campus in Louisville. Early Childhood Education (ECE) students from the Lexington campus enjoyed a scrumptious gourmet feast, making most of their training in proper etiquette. Students commented that, “It was so enjoyable to try foods we had never eaten before!” Their waiter entertained them by demonstrating creative napkin folding techniques. They were also impressed with the beautiful table settings and appreciative of the small touches of elegance. Lexington’s ECE Director Barbara Miles summed up the experience, “Sullivan is so fortunate to have such a nice facility!”

Medical externs benefit from real-world experience

Sullivan’s Medical Assisting students Megan Davis and Annie Gabbard.

During their final quarter, Sullivan’s Medical Assisting students venture into the field to test their skills in local doctors’ offices where they are evaluated on their professionalism and their administrative and clinical skills.

Annie Gabbard is a current extern at Common-wealth Family Physicians. She has benefitted from the opportunity to give injections, perform ear irrigations, check vital signs and administer electrocardiograms. “I’ve learned so much! At first I was a little intimidated, but now feel very comfortable. I look forward to working in a similar practice when I graduate,” stated Annie.

Extern Megan Davis is working with an internal medicine practice, the Bluegrass Medical Group. She said, “The medical assisting program has been worth all the effort from start to finish!”

“I want to give a special thanks to Sullivan University for providing me with the tools and resources to achieve my dreams that thanks to some of the best teachers I have ever known.

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Student Services is a resource for students

Sullivan’s Student Services Department has a new staff to assist students with their housing and campus needs.

Antonia Thomas is the first Dean of Students on the Lexington campus. As the former Associate Dean of Students on Sullivan’s main campus in Louisville, Antonia brings a wealth of experience to her new position. Over the last six years with Sullivan, she has performed many of the job functions in the Student Services Department, making her highly qualified to oversee its day-to-day operations.

See Ms. Thomas if you have any questions about transportation, personal counseling, disabilities, the early alert program, or the Sullivan suggestion box.

Emily Blandford is the new Student Life & Housing Coordinator. Emily, a Sullivan graduate, is uniquely qualified to understand the needs of students from a former student’s perspective. Emily resides in housing while over-seeing housing policies, procedure, and activities. Emily also coordinates campus-wide student activities, publishes the weekly Student Chronicle, and serves as sponsor for the Student Activities Committee. See Emily if you would like to find out more about student clubs and activities on campus, suggestions for the newsletter, or information about Sullivan’s housing program.

Sara Young is the Resident Advisor. She lives in housing and is available to assist residents with the resolution of situations that need third-party mediation; makes regular safety inspections and visits to students’ apartments routinely.

The Student Services staff is here to make your Sullivan University experience a success!