

I had no support system to say 'Let's get you started.'

What pushed me over the edge to finally enroll in college was **Upward Bound**. It's a great resource for students, for families to know **there's someone in your corner to push you to where you want to be**.

What finally helped me believe **I belonged** was the big, diverse group at Weber State. You can walk into different centers and see people from different nationalities, people from different regions and people with different accents all around campus.

I'm Diana Lopez. I graduated from Weber State University with my bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Now, I am setting an example.

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One of the first things I found when I walked into the **multicultural center** was such a great diversity of people. Having come from a background of gangs and violence, it was still hard for me to be open about who I was.

I was a little bit timid coming into college for the first time. I didn't want to be a burden to anyone. **They don't make you feel like that at all.** If you take that first step, there's always someone here to help you, and you can make it.

I am Tamra Lucero. I am a student at Weber State University. I am studying social work, and I plan on becoming a counselor for troubled kids and families.

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I thought I was in it alone...

and that nobody was going to understand exactly what I was going through.

My dad suffers from diabetes. His insurance did not really pay for anything. We had to sell a lot of our assets. **We were living in our cars.** I was working full time, two jobs, my mom was working.

I knew I was going to get to college. I just did not know when. I wanted it right now. Once I started talking to people at Weber State and letting them know my story, I found out that they too had their struggles. If you talk to people and put yourself out there, **you will know that you are not in it alone.**

My name is Jacquelyn Smith. I graduated with a bachelor's in social work. I plan to do research focusing on challenges in urban communities.

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