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Miranda Timmons began the WIA program in the Spring semester of 2006 at the age of 27 as a single mother of 4 young girls. She had already taken one semester of classes at Shawnee Community College. Miranda knew that a college degree would help her find better full-time employment than the two jobs she was working. She was living in housing, using food stamps to make ends meet, using Child Care Resource & Referral to pay her child care, and doing everything possible to make a life for her family. After hearing about how the WIA program could help her pay her tuition, buy her books, and help with travel and child care, she knew this could help her complete her college courses and not add a burden on her financial situation.

Miranda took classes as she could, sometimes only part-time, studying hard to keep her GPA as high as possible. After all, she felt grades were reflective of how hard a person strives to be the best they can be. She was on the Vice-President's list several times when she was an actual full-time student and finished with a 3.79 GPA.

Miranda graduated from Shawnee Community College in August of 2011 with an Associate's of Applied Science as a Legal Administrative Assistant. She was also in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor's Society and graduated with honors from the college.

Miranda has now been working full-time for Shawnee Development Council, Inc as a Weatherization Specialist since 2006. Her work includes using the knowledge that she has learned in classes, especially in the computer technology area. She has moved into a home with the help of Rural Development. Miranda has also battled cancer in the past year but believes her education has set an example for her children, family, and friends to follow.

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