

## **PRECIOUS DAVIS**

Illinois workNet Center - Cairo

Case Manager: Victor Duckworth (SDC)

Precious Davis came to Shawnee Development Council as a 19 year old high school graduate on referral from her DORS transition specialist. She was enrolled in the Accounting program at Shawnee Community College with the long term goal of earning a Bachelor's degree in accounting. Despite low test scores, Precious did well at Shawnee, including membership in Phi Beta Lambda, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and other campus organizations.

She also participated in the youth work experience component. Her work-site supervisor at the Pulaski County State Attorney's office was impressed with her work and potential and encouraged her to complete her Bachelor's Degree at Southern Illinois University. He also talked to a member of the Board of Trustees at SIU noting, "Ms. Davis is conscientious, punctual, and dedicated. She is a true pleasure to work with". Armed with enthusiasm and encouragement from family and friends, Precious did enroll at SIU and earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting in December 2010.

Despite many challenges, including transportation issues, and the loss of the family home due to fire, Precious persevered and came out on top. She is now employed by the Alexander County Circuit Clerk's office as a deputy clerk. In addition, she continues to work part-time for the Shawnee Community College - Cairo Extension office. She is a testament to what one can accomplish with dedication, determination, and hard-work.

**“Thank you, Mr. Duckworth for all your help in reaching my goals. Thank you to Shawnee Development Council for everything”.**

*Precious Davis*

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