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Hi my name is Abby, and I'm a college drop out. Wait what?! Caught your attention, didn't I? I attended college right out of high school like most high school graduates but dropped out due tackling too much at 19, married, fulltime work, and fulltime school. Yup, a plateful turned into an avalanche of duties. To make this story short, six years into an amazing career at a travel industry I made the toughest decision in my life to return to school fulltime and quit my reliable job. Thankfully a dear friend of mine informed me about TRIO SSS. If it wasn't for TRIO I would have been lost. I was a 25 year old back in school and totally off of my game! The wonderful TRIO staff and counselors helped me establish a plan on a path to transferring. They encouraged me every step of the way by having routine counselor check-ups which allowed me to create the best schedules to knock-out all of my requirements. My counselor also helped me look into the school of my choice and create a personal check list that set me on a path to secure acceptance. She also gave me pointers on to how to impress my school of choice and methods of securing school grants. I'm a first generation college grad and Mexican-American, funding was something I truly needed assistance with. TRIO's sources such as free book rentals, supplies, and printing allowed me to keep a budget that worked with a one income household. Although some might think there are many requirements that TRIO has such as routine counselor meet-ups and progress reports, I personally believe that these requirements help you remain on track on a successful college career. Through all these amazing resources I was able to go from someone who was completely lost, to a Dean's List Palomar College student who transferred to her school of choice, Point Loma Nazarene. I am so grateful for all the help TRIO provided me and firmly believe that I wouldn't have been as successful if it wasn't for their amazing and encouraging staff.

Sincerely,

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