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Dakota, Cambrian College Upgrading



After completing Academic Upgrading, Dakota is now pursuing her goal of becoming a Developmental Service Worker — a path inspired by her own experience with a learning disability and her desire to better support her nephew.

Dakota has been working non-stop in the Upgrading program at Cambrian College and loves it. She decided on developmental services after completing a volunteer placement at a local elementary school, where she discovered both a feel for the field and a passion for the work.

Getting here wasn't without its challenges. Dakota completed Academic Upgrading while managing a number of priorities, including other academic commitments and part-time employment.

She reflects on that time in her life as “stressful” and “exhausting,” but is grateful for the faculty support that helped her balance her academic and work demands.

What Dakota demonstrates is true determination and motivation and she continues to lean on these strengths as she works through the Developmental Service Worker program and navigate the challenges that come with it.

Even now, Dakota often stops by her former English classroom to check in with faculty, who continue to offer guidance and encouragement as she pursues her postsecondary studies.

When asked where she sees herself after graduation, Dakota says she plans to work in the public education sector, supporting children with diverse learning needs. —*Jessica Ravenscroft*