

## A BEAMING SUCCESS



Gabrielle Beam graduated from SCC with an Associate in Arts degree in 2015. She transferred to WCU and is majoring in mathematics and education with a minor in sociology. She is currently a math tutor at SCC.

Gabrielle Beam's smile is a frequent sight at Southwestern Community College this fall even though she graduated in May with an Associate in Arts degree and transferred to WCU. Gabrielle is now sharing her wisdom as a math tutor helping other SCC students achieve success.

Gabrielle says that the biggest highlights from attending SCC are the connections she made while a student. "From students who have become some of my best friends, to faculty who have helped me with my future education career, SCC really has changed my life for the better."

She also valued getting the chance to participate in the Work-Study program at Jackson County's Early College. "I loved being able to work with students, as well as the professional relationship I was able to practice making with students and faculty there."

### STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED DIRECTION

Student Support Services helped Gabrielle get her educational career on path. "When I first came to SCC straight out of high school, I really had no idea how to achieve my goals. SSS helped point me in the right direction. I am

double majoring at Western in mathematics and education with a minor in sociology." Her plan is to be a secondary math teacher, and eventually get a master in education and community counseling. With these degrees she will not only be able to work in the school system helping students, but will also be able to offer moral support as a counselor.

### WORDS OF ADVICE

Gabrielle suggests that students get as many credit hours completed at SCC as possible to take advantage of the student centered atmosphere. "Western is great, but it's very different. SCC's faculty are very student orientated, and they will go out of their way to help you. Western is larger and that is not the case. Definitely do not take the "community" aspect of SCC for granted - because you will miss it when you are done! I know I do!"

### SCC MATH TUTOR EXTRAORDINARE

Helping current SCC students as a math tutor is a natural fit for Gabrielle and is terrific preparation for her future career in math education. "Since I wish to be a math teacher eventually, continuously being able to review course material is indescribably helpful. It gives me practice in helping students one-on-one, so that they can understand difficult concepts. Honestly, it has been one of the most fun experiences I have had in my education career."

### ABOUT STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student Support Services at Southwestern Community College assists students in achieving their goals of graduating from SCC and/or transferring to a senior institution. The program supports students in dealing effectively with all aspects of college life. Services are provided free for eligible students who are enrolled in college for the first time, demonstrate a need for academic support and are either a first-generation college student, meet income eligibility guidelines, or have a documented ADA disability.

Student Support Services is a federally funded, Department of Education TRIO Program which provides SCC over \$1 million in financial support to assist students in graduating and transferring. Learn how Student Support Services can assist you by calling 828.339.4420 or emailing [sss@southwesterncc.edu](mailto:sss@southwesterncc.edu).

### Double your chance of graduating!

Student Support Services participants graduate at twice the rate of the general student body at SCC.

#### Services Include:

Academic Co-Advising

Financial Literacy & Scholarship Workshops

Tutoring

Transfer Initiatives

Supplemental Grant Aid

Academic, Personal and Career Counseling

Volunteer & Civic Involvement

Cultural Enrichment

Resource Loan Program

Referral Service