

Who Inspired Me to Go to College? By Jamison C. Taylor

Who inspired me to go to college? I inspired myself. Up until the age of one, I was in the foster care system of Georgia. My amazing parents adopted me at sixteen months. I consider myself blessed from day one.

The challenges await, the studies, leadership of all of this excites me. My future is set on a good path, and it is bright. I want to show everyone what I can accomplish. For the people who told me I would not be anything, I am determined to prove them wrong. I have always had a big heart to help others no matter the cost, so why not use that as a strength and push forth.

When choosing what to major in college, I knew that whatever I chose to study had to involve helping people. I grew up caring for others and helping people was something that sparked in me. For example, I have helped people from volunteering at my former day care, performing community service at a local churches, and being a member of the Carrollton-Douglasville Kappa League of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. The feeling of helping someone gives me an awarding need of accomplishment. The simple fact of knowing that I will be helping others everyday will give me a sense of happiness and excitement.

For instance, my love for helping others will be accomplished if I am fortunate to become a physical therapist. I will be able to monitor and see the progress of individuals who need help to regain skills they previously had before their specific injury.

I honestly feel comfortable that no matter how rough the economy is that I will be able to gain employment in this field. For instance, I performed research and discovered that the demand for nursing is very high along with physical therapy.

Growing up I was always told that there are many doors of opportunity out there to walk through and reap the benefits. So, in essence, I have to prove myself to achieve this and beyond. On Friday, May 26th, I graduated from New Manchester High School. I was literally on cloud nine. Pride, joy, and accomplishment were the feelings that I experienced on this milestone day. This gave me a piece knowing I did what I was destined to do. I graduated and received my high school academic diploma and this is one my greatest achievements as a young African American male.

My family, academic leaders and outside counselors have played a huge role in teaching me everything that I need to do to reach these accomplishments. Their guidance has been phenomenal and forthright. Everything that I have done has led me to this significant moment.

Finally, I am spending summer 2023 preparing for the next phase in my life. Therefore, this fall I will continue my educational journey at Talladega College as a freshman. Well, all I can say right now is TGBT!

