

I came to Arbor as a very inexperienced, ignorant, and arrogant young man. I thought the world owed me something, a lot to be exact.

Arbor challenged me and gave me the experience and knowledge of how to be successful, not only in the job aspect, but also in the real world. Arbor also taught me how to channel my arrogant ways into something more positive, and not only told me how to be successful but also showed me. They introduced me to people who know what hard work and dedication is and how it pays off. I remember during one of the lectures the speaker said, "I was nothing, I came from nothing, I was simply poor white trailer trash." At first it concerned me, but then it inspired me to want to better myself. There I sat looking at this successful man, who came from less than what I have.

My Arbor teacher and mentor, Ms. Karen Johnson, encouraged me. She made me feel like I wasn't just some student to her. She showed that she was concerned, and cared about my success in life. If it wasn't for Ms. Johnson, I would not be in college working on a degree in psychology. I would like to thank Arbor for supplying me with the opportunity to better myself, and a special and well-deserved thanks to Karen Johnson. It is great to know that someone believes in you, but to have them to tell you makes a very big difference.



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