Janice Jordan

Janice transferred to UNCC to seek a degree in Sociology with a minor in Social Work after attending and working at Fayetteville State University. As an employee at the university, Janice opened up about her experiences with several different components of the university that have helped and contributed to her success and enjoyment as an adult student at UNC Charlotte.

“Getting back in school helped me with my grief as I began to shift my focus back to attaining my educational goals after I lost my sister several months before I started in Fall. Both my professors and colleagues helped support that transition. Having the opportunity to complete courses that broaden my outlook, while learning from knowledgeable professors who encourage and inspire me, has been priceless! My wonderful, supportive colleagues in the Financial Aid office also greatly helped with my transition as an adult student at UNC Charlotte as well.”

Janice continued by discussing some struggles she had during that transition period, and how she’s overcome them to be a successful student nearing graduation today:

“A key role which helped my academic journey at UNC Charlotte has been receiving guidance from the OASES department on campus. Coming in as a transfer student from a smaller campus was a bit overwhelming and required an adjustment period. I received helpful information which made my transition much smoother. OASES provided information about tutoring services on campus; which I utilized for Statistics and to my surprise received an A! Participating in the morning coffee sessions and munch and mingle sessions were also very helpful.”

Janice’s advice for adult students enrolled or seeking to come back to school is not only to use OASES as an academic support service, but get to know your professors. She also commented that:

“The best advice that I can offer to a fellow adult student returning to school is to be encouraged that it doesn’t matter what circumstances life doles out; we can overcome, succeed and enrich the lives of others. You just have to resolve to endure, stand firm and stay the course.”

As Janice nears (and is excited for) the prospect of graduating in May 2017 with a BA in Sociology, she is also looking toward what’s next. Seeking to enter the UNC Charlotte Masters of Arts in Counseling Program, she is currently undergoing the application process with hopes to join the program in Fall 2017.

We have enjoyed watching Janice participate and excel in her not only her studies, but her connection with other adult students. We wish her the best of luck as she graduates and moves on to her next academic achievement!

We hope you feel inspired and have enjoyed reading more about one of our many talented adult students. If you are interested in sharing your journey or success story with us, please visit: http://oases.uncc.edu/student-information/student-success-stories to learn how.