

HACC Social Services Student Shares her Story

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[ERIN ZIMMERMAN appears on screen speaking to the camera with a blurred background.]

ERIN ZIMMERMAN:

My name is Erin Marie Zimmerman. I am a first-generation college student. I'm born and raised Lancaster County. I graduated from high school in '99 and up until this last three years, that would have been the extent of my education. I really struggled in high school. My grade point average was 1.192 in high school. The transition was difficult. I worked construction, uh manual labor was all I knew. Injury after injury to my knees, at 36 I was told I needed a knee replacement. I need to financially support my kids and myself and going back to school to find a new prayer was it. It has given me a confidence that I've never had before. It has opened, um, more doors that, that could have never been opened if I continued to just keep nursing these injuries and continuing work. This was the life-changing moment for me. I now stand with a 4.0 and I am looking to graduate in the spring of '24 from the social service program.