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Hi, my name is Angel. I am 21 years old and people say to me your graduating now? Yes I am, I say. I dropped out of high school at the age of 16. My mother always encouraged me to stay in school and to do my best, because without a high school diploma you're not going anywhere in life. Unfortunately I had to learn the hard way and realize she was right.

When I was 19 I had my first child, his name is Zander and from that moment my whole world changed, I realized I could not provide a good life for him or myself without an education. I thought of getting a GED, but that was too easy to blow off. Also, I had not been in school for 4 years and that made it a lot harder.

A few months later one of my best friends, Jessica Riff had posted on facebook, "going to school." I commented and said I wish I could go back to school. Seeing that post on facebook made me think about how bad I wanted a second chance at school. So at 20 years old, I said to myself, "what's the worse thing that can happen, they can tell me I'm too old to go to school.

I called the school and got an interview on a Wednesday and was officially enrolled the following Monday. I was a little nervous since I was going to be the oldest student in the class but I had a good friend and my brother, Benjamin Huckins who both attended so it made it a lot easier for me. I got to know all the people and the amazing teachers which made it worth going to school every day.

When I started Charter, I only had 5.5 credits and needed 14.5 to graduate. I worked very hard to get all the credits I needed. I got my 14.5 credits in a year and a month from the time I enrolled. I wouldn't have been able to attend NCCA without the help of my boyfriend, Casey Labonville. He gave me encouragement to stay strong and to keep going and never give up. He also helped me with child care while I went to school.

Charter school wasn't easier than a public school in any way so if someone thinks so, they are wrong. I know from experience that is not true. NCCA was better for me because there were fewer distractions. People are not talking all the time, and I was able to get so much work done while I attended. NCCA does not give homework so I was able to spend time with my son and my boyfriend. Without self motivation you won't get any where at NCCA.

NCCA gave me a second chance at life. It let me open a door I thought was locked forever. I now can say I have a high school diploma. Without the help of my wonderful teachers who helped me when I needed help the most I wouldn't be here. The best part about their help is that they make you find the answers; they do not just give it to you. I would like to thank Mr. Kelly, Mr. K., and Mrs. Ryder for being the best teachers I could ask for.

