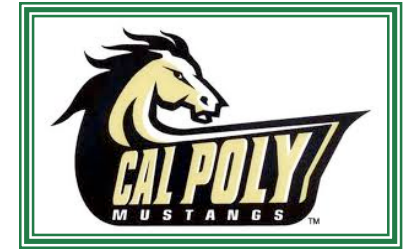


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I went to college because I wanted to change the direction of my life.



My favorite experiences included:

As a kid, my goal was to go to Cal Poly. This was the college my older brother attended and I wanted to follow in his foot steps. My best memory of my education was on my way to class, the first month I attended Cal Poly. I was looking at the beautiful surrounds when reality hit. I remember stopping and saying to myself, "Wow! I made it! It was a struggle to get here but I final made it!"

The hardest things about college included:

Complete independence - paying bills, rent, buying groceries and budgeting my money. I had to learn how to stretch that dollar.

Advice: Go to a college away from home.

- o Always take at least one "fun" class to balance out the work load. It keeps you from stressing yourself out.