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Transforming Education
Transforming Lives



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I went to Ann Arbor public and private schools and was planning to go to Washtenaw Community College when my older sisters, who were attending WCC, told my parents and me about the new middle college opening on the campus. I felt my private high school expected more of me academically than the public one, but still felt I wasn't pushed to my full potential. I wanted to be treated like an adult, to look at and work for what was important in my life. I was among the first students to attend WTMC.

My instructors established immediately that I had to set the foundation for my education. I was interested in computers and they encouraged me to volunteer at the WCC computer lab. After a few months of volunteering, I was hired part-time.

I didn't feel I had to be someone I wasn't with my classmates. We were from diverse cultures and had different socio-economic statuses, but I never experienced any negative judgments or competition.

I graduated with my high school diploma and an Associate's in General Liberal Arts. I transferred to Eastern Michigan University as a junior when I was 17. Two years later, I had earned my Bachelor's in Secondary Education, specializing in Business and Technology.

My husband and I then moved to Chicago where I worked as a substitute teacher. I later taught computer science to high school, and then middle school students. We had two children, and after moving to Fremont, California, we had our third.

I plan to return to teaching. In the meantime, I'm with my children and volunteering. I'm currently working with others to open a middle college here, just like WTMC.

WTMC gave me the opportunity to prove myself in a more focused, real world environment, and cultivated my ability to go into adulthood more gracefully. I want to support other young people in doing the same.

Your education should prepare you for a life of choices and changes, and aid you in finding and building your motivation to succeed on every level. It should ask more of you than going through the motions of learning. Your education must help you define and support your purpose and plan for your future.

WTMC offers you a unique middle college program that rewards your enthusiasm, effort and respect with independence and opportunities that stimulate you and give you a powerful edge for lifelong learning and achievement. Transform your education and transform your life at WTMC.