

What Penobscot Job Corps has done for me.

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Penobscot Job Corps Academy has given me a massive amount of things that made me better at doing things and getting my life put back together. Teachers had helped me through a big amount of things I needed to work on. I was struggling on my school work, and everything I had to get done. I didn't think I could do the things I have done now. Job Corps has made me a better person, and made me think about a lot of responsibilities, and I couldn't have asked for anything more then to do those things that I wished to do. I had got kicked out of High School, which I totally regret doing.

I struggled in High school, and Penobscot Job Corps made it happen for me to get my High School Diploma, and also a trade (Facilities Maintenance). I have been here almost 2 years, and I was struggling to get my high school diploma and I had to turn around and get it done. Without a high school diploma I couldn't get a job, nor could I do anything with my life.

I'm very happy to say that I turned myself around and got my stuff on track. I had also struggled to get up and leave the dorms on time in the morning, and that was a big responsibility, for a job you may have to get up early in the morning to go to work. I used to sleep in till about 12:00PM everyday when I was out of school, it turned me around to get my stuff together and get up on time. Job Corps has also taught me to be a good leader. I was a very shy person when I first came in to Penobscot, and I didn't ever talk to anyone, because I was shy and very self centered. I told my self I wanted to be more social and Job corps had helped me with that to. Job corps has also taught me to be independent, I can work on my own or I could work in groups depending

on what the project was. If it wasn't for the teachers that have helped me through, and some student who gave advice, I don't think I would be standing here today.

The Best advice I ever used was, "Finish what you started". My mother had told me that time after time, and I really didn't care about what my mother told me and, I then I realized that I needed to get my butt in gear. My teacher At Penobscot Job Corps Academy told me the same things. I realized that I need a High School Diploma in order to get anywhere in life. I'm glad that I could get that advice from everyone I could. I just had to keep telling myself that I need to get everything straight and I did. I turn my self around like everyone wanted me to and I didn't think twice about it. I'm now really confident about myself and I know when I need to bust my butt. I know I can do just about anything I set my mind to, and finish it when something's due. The most things important is that I get everything I need here at PJCA. The other Piece of advice my mother gave me was that "You're here for yourself and No one else". I was always nice to people and I would help them out all the time. This made it very hard for me to stay focused. I did a lot for my peers that wanted advice from someone's whose been in there same situation. Well not anymore. I don't get that same stuff back, so I don't help people out anymore. I am here for myself and it's going to stay that way! I would really like to thank Mike Jellison, Christa Nickels, and "Big" John for helping me get through this high school diploma program. If it wasn't for you guys then I don't think I would be standing where I stand now. Many people are very proud of me and how much I have done in the last couple of weeks.

I'm very proud of my self and I'm very happy that I have someone there to push me through a lot of things. I had a lot to work on and I have made it this far to turn back. I can't wait until I get to hold my HSD in my hands. it will be a relief. So I know I was supposed to only put one best advice but I decided to put

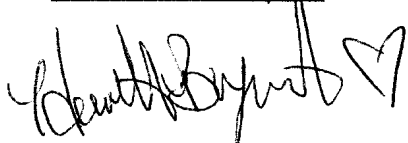
two. The thing I learned the most is to just do you work, and all the hard work you put into yourself always pays off. I'm very proud of myself and the decisions I have made. Penobscot Job Corps Academy has taught me abundant of things and when I leave here for good I will using everything that job corps has given me. I just want to thank everyone who has helped me threw and stood by me the whole way. People may come here and they may hate it like I did. I hated the rules, and everything but I needed to follow them so I would get kicked out of Job corps. I told myself that I had to stay out of trouble and get my stuff on track so I can get out of here, and I stuck to it.

I rarely got in trouble and I new if I stayed on track I would of got my stuff together. Some people may like this place but they don't like some people that came in or they did something to hurt or do something bad to that person, well you don't always have to let that happen to you, I didn't let it happen to me, if someone made fun of me or tried to manipulate me and try to make me leave and just get out. I wouldn't let that happen I'm not going to give up on myself and let everyone get to me it's just not fair to do that. People don't get to me like they used to. Job corps has made me a stronger person and I can now stick up for myself in many ways. To conclusion I would like to thank all those teachers that have helped me through this program it really dose mean a lot to me.

Thanks for reading.

Sincerely,

Heather L. Bryant

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Bryant" with a heart symbol at the end. The signature is written in a cursive style.