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VISIONS OF SUCCESS - LA'TOYA CHASTEN

La'Toya Chasten is a senior, Public Health major with a concentration in Health Studies. She has been an active member of SSS since her freshman year and currently acts as a Student Success Assistant for SSS, where she mentors first-year students in the program. After graduation, La'Toya plans on working and volunteering in Public Health, followed by graduate school to earn a Master's in Public Health.



At the Student Support Services, 43rd Annual Awards Event, held on April 16, 2013, La'Toya shared her Success Story with her fellow SSS students, SSS Staff, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and Chancellor Linda Brady.

Her Success Story reads: "I believe a successful student can be defined in several ways but I believe the definition of a successful student is up for individual interpretation. During my years at UNCG I have made it my personal mission to be knowledgeable and utilize all the campus resources that are provided for me. As a student I believe it is in each individual's best interests to both attain as much information of our campus' great resources and put them to use when in need. My success as a soon-to-be graduate is not by chance, over the years I have had God's protection over me, along with the support, love, and guidance, from my family, friends, and the faculty and staff, here at UNCG.

My experience has helped me to grow as a person. I have learned to take every experience as a learning lesson. Some of you may know that I am a very shy and soft-spoken person. I have always had problems with my speech, thus making me a target for those that enjoy making others feel little. Throughout my life I have always been different and one of those differences is my inability to speak as fluently as others. Through the taunting and name-calling I have learned that my differences are not weaknesses: they make me unique. UNCG is known for its diversity and I am proud to say that I help to add diversity to this great university.

The SSS program has a wide range of service, and I have utilized all of their services throughout my college career. During my freshman and sophomore year I was a Biology major with a concentration in Pre-Pharmacy. During this time I struggled academically. I was very thankful to be able to have a tutor for Biology and Chemistry where I received one-on-one assistance and guidance in these two academic subjects. My tutors helped me to become an independent learner. This skill is essential in success as a college student because students have to be able to complete tasks by themselves. These are just a few of the services in the SSS program that have developed me into a better student.

The SSS program has been very beneficial to me and I am thankful that I have been a part of TRiO programs since middle school. My time spent in the SSS program has matured me and developed me into a great leader. Thank you for your time."