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## VISIONS OF SUCCESS LESLIE ESPINOZA

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*At the Student Support Services, 44th Annual Awards Event, held on April 22, 2014, Leslie shared her Success Story with fellow SSS students, SSS Staff, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and Chancellor Linda Brady.*

Her Success Story reads: “I want to thank everyone for coming out today in order to commemorate all the hard work each student has made this school year.

I’m going to start off by first introducing myself, my name is Leslie Espinoza a sophomore here at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. I am a Psychology Major with a Human Development Family Studies Minor. I’m originally from the Outer Banks, a strip of islands located on the east coast of North Carolina.

Now that I am reaching my third year as a junior, I have come across a similar question of “what makes a successful student.” Many can name some possible characteristics, such as time management, organization, maybe even speaking with your professor, but a main characteristic that really sets a student apart is knowledge of purpose and dedication.

When I think of purpose, it is knowing individually who you are, what your flaws and weaknesses are and taking initiative with that knowledge to know what exactly makes you breathe, makes you passionate, makes life a colorful mosaic.

To some this journey may be easy; we already know what makes us unique, and for others this is a lifetime journey to discover who it is we really are.

College does that for us, and it is up to us whether we want to take on that challenge. And once we find that purpose, we hold on to that like an anchor and dedicate ourselves to fulfilling that belief. That is what makes a student successful.

I would like to thank Student Support Services for serving as an anchor to every student here and guiding us on our continuous journey as well.

I would like to give a big round of applause to each and every student here this evening as you all have found that purpose that drove you to become the student you are.

Thank you very much.”

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