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You Should Never Give Up on Your Dreams

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When I was a little girl, we would drive by Wilmington College on the way from our home on the west side of Fayette County to see my grandparents in Milford, and I decided, one day, I would go to school there. In 1993, I made my dream come true with hard-won academic scholarships and grants, but the next spring, I broke my leg at work, and due to finances, had to take a year off. So many thought I wouldn't return, but I did the very next fall and graduated three years later. I changed my major after my first year from business to communications, but Dorothy Gurtzweiler and Bill Guthrie were excellent instructors and ensured I succeeded. Over the years, I've changed careers somewhere around the average seven times, but I've by chance and circumstance landed back within my degree, and I'm loving every minute of the work I do. It goes to show you should never give up on your dreams. The little girl in that station wagon travelling by the College all those years ago made hers come true through determination and grit and saw it through. And I value my education from WC more than can be explained. From the Camp Joy Underground Railroad Experience to the annual Peace Symposiums to Global Issues to my critical-thinking class load, my mind and soul were expanded on a much higher plane. I doubt attending a large university with bigger classes would have given me such a distinct experience with diverse instructors and personal attention. I'm forever grateful for my time at Wilmington College, and I hope every student finds as much fulfillment.

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