

SUCCESS STORIES

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Angela Fields, Professor and Business Studies Chair



As a student at BridgeValley (BV), there was one person who made the greatest difference in my success from the first day until I graduated last May.

On the first day of orientation at BV, professor and Business Studies chair Angela Fields was assigned to help me enroll in classes. I noticed that she was extremely polite, helpful and knowledgeable. I had several transfer credits from a previous institution and she took the time to research class descriptions and compile information to ensure that I would receive appropriate credit for my past work. Later, a glitch in the system caused this information to be lost, and she did not think twice about helping to do the same thing all over again.

After she was so helpful getting me started at BV, I came back to Angie for help with the scheduling of almost every

semester thereafter. Each time I went to her for help, I would ask if she was too busy and if I should return at a better time. She always assured me that she had time to help, even when I emailed her late in the evening with questions. She always had an answer, and on the rare occasion that she did not, she got back to me with the information that I needed.

Her willingness to go above and beyond never faltered. When an instructor passed away, Angie took over the accounting classes and although she never mentioned this, I know it took a significant amount of responsibility to ensure that the accounting students were able to complete their courses for the semester. We were all deeply grieved about the passing of our instructor, Allen Montgomery, and she took the time to listen to each of us as

we processed his death. She even shared with us her own memories of him and how much he meant to her as a colleague.

I have so many fond memories during my time at BridgeValley, and I remember countless helpful instructors and staff members.

However Angie is someone who always went above and beyond and will forever be considered as a mentor and a friend. In May 2020, I graduated from BridgeValley with dual degrees in Accounting and Finance, and am now attending West Virginia State University, and my success can absolutely be contributed in part to her. I can't wait to see what comes next!

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