

REINVENTING HIS FUTURE

Stanley Kingsberry is living his dream. The SCC student, part-time Bojangles employee, and inventor has worked to overcome obstacles in life, including growing up in poverty stricken Southeast D.C., to become a shining example for the Jimmy V mantra “don’t ever give up!”



Stanley Kingsberry is enrolled in the Automotive Systems Technology degree and is an active participant in the Student Support Services Program at SCC.

Last year Stanley was having difficulty obtaining his high school transcript to enroll at SCC, so he decided to register for SCC’s GED program to enable him to continue his education. Completing his GED in January 2015, Stanley started taking classes to prepare for college courses and worked with his Student Support Services advisor to enroll in the Automotive Systems Technology program. Only after Stanley had been at SCC for several months did he casually mention in a paper for an English class that he had a patent for a [magnetic wrench](#). Over the past year

Stanley’s life has been a whirlwind as he watched his invention take off, while he simultaneously achieved success in the classroom. With the continued support of his wife, and with assistance from numerous SCC faculty and staff, he made connections helping him get his patent closer to becoming an actual product. He attended trade shows in Raleigh, Fayetteville and other locations across the country, worked to have prototypes made, and has been interviewed countless times for television and newspaper articles.

Stanley possesses several attributes that help him succeed, including being focused, hardworking, and never giving up. Stanley works hard in his classes doing whatever it takes to achieve good grades. Stanley has a positive, never give up attitude that enables him to overcome obstacles. When he has encountered setbacks in class he seeks out extra help. Perhaps most important, Stanley loves to learn, which fuels his desire to continue taking courses even with his magnetic wrench patent prospects soaring.

Stanley states, “As an adult student returning to school after many years of not taking any classes, I needed support. Student Support Services and the Learning Assistance Center have helped me develop the skills to succeed in college. There is no reason for adults coming back to school not to be successful with all this support. If students prioritize, use their time wisely and take advantage of all the resources SCC has to offer they will achieve their goals.”

About Student Support Services at SCC

Student Support Services at Southwestern Community College assists students in achieving their goals of graduating from SCC and/or transferring to a senior institution. The program supports students in dealing effectively with all aspects of college life. Services are provided free for eligible students who are enrolled in college for the first time, demonstrate a need for academic support and are either a first-generation college student, meet income eligibility guidelines, or have a documented ADA disability.

Student Support Services is a federally funded, Department of Education Trio Program which provides SCC over \$1 million in financial support to assist students in graduating and transferring. Learn how Student Support Services can assist you by calling 828.339.4420 or emailing sss@southwesterncc.edu.

Double your chance
of graduating!

Student Support Services participants graduate at twice the rate of the general student body at SCC.

Services Include:

Academic Co-Advising

Financial Literacy &
Scholarship Workshops

Tutoring

Transfer Initiatives

Supplemental Grant Aid

Academic, Personal and
Career Counseling

Volunteer & Civic
Involvement

Cultural Enrichment

Resource Loan Program

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