**Mount Olive College**
**Daytime Student Alumni Success Stories**

**Brianka Morgan** of Goldsboro recently graduated from Mount Olive College’s Visual Communications program. She served as a writing coach, a tutor, a senator for the Student Government Association and a member of the Campus Activities Board. However, there was a time when she was too shy to step out of her shell. “I was afraid to try new things and to sometimes push myself,” said the twenty-two year old. “While pursuing my degree at Mount Olive College, I learned to be enthusiastic, steady and patient so I can grow into the person that I am supposed to be.”

Morgan has also grown as an artist under the tutelage of her MOC professors. “I have learned and challenged myself to be honest in the content and subject matter of my artwork. That is paramount in how Mount Olive College transformed my life.”

To see Brianka’s story, click here.

**April Tucker** began her college trek at a larger university, but decided in her sophomore year to transfer to Mount Olive College. A senior biology major, Tucker is on track to graduate in May. She would like to further her education at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

“At MOC I thought I would be just another college student. I assumed that I would be treated like a number and would receive my diploma by learning the exact same things as everyone else. After transferring however, I was pushed to determine my strengths and weaknesses, and to focus on bettering my strengths. I was told that I wasn’t just a student like everyone else, but that I had attributes that I could contribute to the school as a whole as well as to others. I found my niche in the Mount Olive College community by becoming a peer tutor and research student. These experiences have given me something to be proud of. I now believe that the degree I receive, while being on a sheet of paper like everyone else’s, reflects a college experience unique to me and one that has helped me realize who the real me is.”

To see April’s story, click here.

**Alex, Elvia and Jose Rodriguez** moved from Usulutan, El Salvador to Dudley, North Carolina. They came to the United States in search of the American Dream. They all attend Mount Olive College and share their academic and athletic talents with the College community.

“I decided to come to Mount Olive College because it’s closer to the place I call home,” Alex said. I wanted to stay near my family and good friends.” Elvia commented, “Mount Olive College has given my brothers and me an opportunity to succeed in life and to become professionals.”

“The faculty members are like one big happy family. They go out of their way to help students in whatever way they can,” Jose said.

To view the Rodriguez siblings’ story, click here.
DARRELL VANN ELKS of Grimesland wanted to further his education, but it was difficult to attend college while working a full time job to support a growing family. “I didn't want to go the traditional route and take multiple years to earn my bachelor's degree,” said Elks. So, he enrolled in the accelerated program at Mount Olive College at Washington. After his first year of classes, he received a highly sought-after promotion at his job. “I know that I would not have had this opportunity without Mount Olive College.”

“After my first eight months at MOC, I applied for and got a great job in Project Management. Then a little over a year later a supervisory position became available that I also applied for and received. Though the position is very challenging, it is exactly where I want to be. I owe a big ‘thank you’ to Mount Olive College and my very supportive family!”

To see the Darrell's story, click here.

MAEGAN BRUSAW - Maegan Brusaw of Jacksonville wanted to earn her bachelor's degree 12 years ago. However, with four small children, a full time job and a home to look after, going back to college didn't seem like an option. However, she recently graduated with a degree in healthcare management from Mount Olive College at Jacksonville.

“Mount Olive College made earning my degree possible due to the flexibility offered in the one-night-a-week classes. Otherwise, I don't think it would have been possible. All of my instructors were fabulous and had a passion for what they taught. The classes and curriculum are well suited for working adults.”

To see Maegan's story, click here.

JOSEPH AND HEIDII WILDER husband of Pine Level, enrolled at Mount Olive College hoping to build better lives together. As recent graduates, they reflect upon their journey together and prospects for the future. It was a tough road, but the Wilder's know their degrees from Mount Olive College will give them the kind of life they want for their family.

“There will be new doors opened for both of us to provide a better life for our family,” said Heidii. Mount Olive College has shown me that there is no excuse for not pursuing a higher education.”

“We have more skills for the jobs that we are seeking,” said Joseph. “These degrees will help us in obtaining our long term goals.”

To see the Wilder's story, click here.

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