



University of MOUNT OLIVE

Daytime Student Alumni Success Stories

NATALIE CALDERON



Natalie Calderon of Rancho Cucamonga, CA, always knew UMO was the college for her. She wanted to follow in her father's success as a 1987 Business Administration graduate and member of the Trojan baseball team. Calderon shared that her Business Management Degree classes "put life and business into perspective for me" and that they have pushed her to do her best. Following in her father's footsteps, Calderon played an active role in Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) and served as manager of the UMO Women's Basketball Team. Calderon said, "UMO has truly changed my life."

To read more of Natalie's story, [click here](#).

Joshua Mills of Fayetteville pursued a degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies with a minor in Criminal Justice to ensure his dream of becoming a park ranger became a reality. Mills fell in love with the atmosphere and size of UMO and especially enjoyed his 12 week, 480 hour professional experience internship as part of his RLS degree requirements. "My life has been transformed with the education I have received from UMO," explained Mills. "My professors and my internship experiences have prepared me for life after graduation."

To read more of Joshua's story, [click here](#).



JOSHUA MILLS

DYLAN GUPERE



Dylan Gupere of Kenly, has cherished all of the opportunities he has received from being a student at the University of Mount Olive. Following his graduation, the Agriculture Education major secured a job at Protech Advisory Services, attributing his accomplishments and success to the classes and skills that he acquired from UMO. Gupere shared, "UMO has helped to develop my knowledge and passion for agriculture and has set me on the path to a promising career in the agriculture industry. UMO truly solidified my passion for agriculture."

To read more of Dylan's story, [click here](#).



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ARKEEM BROOKS



Arkeem Brooks of Durham was driven by a family tragedy and his ambition to be an inspiration to his children and those he impacts through his work to be the first in his family to earn a four-year degree. Having achieved a degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology at the RTP location, Brooks will use it to further develop his knowledge and skills to advance his career and to help shape the future for young people. "I am so thankful for the convenient and flexible classes offered at the University of Mount Olive at RTP," Brooks said. "Although it has been tough balancing time between family, work, and my college courses, I now see the light at the end of the tunnel. It has definitely been worth the effort."

To read more of Arkeem's story, [click here](#).

Nicholas Patek of Metamora, OH, enrolled at the University of Mount Olive at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base following early retirement from the United States Air Force. Patek, a Management Information Systems graduate stated, "I chose UMO for several reasons, chief among those was its offering one-night-a-week degree programs and having online choices. The University also has military friendly faculty, many of whom have served their country in the armed forces. They understand all the variables involved when a service member decides to return to the classroom, and they have support counselors available to assist with the process."

To read more of Nicholas' story, [click here](#).

NICHOLAS PATEK



SARA BINGHAM



Sara Bingham of Brookfield, CT, believes her journey to graduate has been one of faith and perseverance. Growing up, Bingham dreamed of entering the healthcare field and following in her grandfather's footsteps, so she enrolled in the Healthcare Management program at UMO at RTP following several setbacks. Bingham has gained valuable time management and multitasking skills which are very beneficial in her job as a patient coordinator at One Eighty Counseling in Garner and Cary. Bingham stated, "My time at UMO has been filled with wonderful experiences. Each class has prepared me for the next, and I have been provided with tools that will follow me through life."

To read more of Sara's story, [click here](#).