

Larrall Eatman, Jr.: Educating and Inspiring Others

Having seven brothers and sisters might be challenging for some, but for Larrall Eatman, Jr., being the eldest of eight has inspired him to work hard to achieve his goals. This is reflected in his work ethic, as well as his dreams for the future.

Larrall, a graduate of Normal Community West High School, has consistently been a stellar student, but when it came time to apply to college, he was unsure as to what school would be the best fit. Luckily, his counselor recommended that he talk with LCN Admissions Counselor Brian Smith. Brian's descriptions of the school sold Larrall instantly, and he began school here last fall, putting in student work hours, as it turns out, in the admissions office where he is characterized by Admissions Coordinator, Sarah Kampwerth as "always enthusiastic with an upbeat attitude."

On the academic front, Larrall finds that one professor in particular has stood out for him as an inspiration: his English professor, Mary Adams. As he explains it, "Mrs. Adams is the most interesting teacher I've ever known. With her pep, unpredictable nature, and love of English, she is the perfect teacher for me." This is even more significant given Larrall's gift for poetry, which he hopes will one day "inspire people."

Although he has yet to finish his first year at Lincoln College-Normal, Larrall already has big plans for his future. After obtaining his AA, Larrall hopes to transfer to ISU to get a BA in English, with a minor in Theater so he can put his acting, dancing, and singing talents to good use. After achieving these goals, Larrall then plans to go on to get his MA in Early Education.

Larrall has found that college is exactly as he had heard it would be, with many challenges, yet he has still been able to be successful. Not that it's all work, he relates, noting a fun snowball fight and an enjoyable Jennifer Daniels concert. However, he offers the following straight-forward advice for others wanting to find academic success: "Go to class and do your homework." This practical suggestion has worked for Larrall, and demonstrates his desire to encourage students to work hard, not take short cuts, and ultimately achieve success.



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