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Everything happens for a reason

I believe that everyone has a plan for their life that they are unaware of. We don't know why things happen the way they do. Why bad things happen to good people or why good things could even happen to bad people. But somewhere down the road these situations happen for a reason that might not be so clear at first. This is not original, I know. But this is what I live by and something I will believe for a long time especially given the experiences I have had to prove this true.

Picking a college seems like the hardest thing any of us had to do in our lives. Well at least for me it was. All the way up until a few months before starting college I insisted that I was going to Ithaca College for Architecture. After sending in my deposit and buying a sticker for my car I went on a job shadow and realized that wasn't what I wanted to do with my life. It was just so different than I imagined it would be. I went home very discouraged and told my mom I would be going to college undecided. She then proceeded to talk about the debt I would incur if I continued to go to Ithaca and that it would be a waste of money not knowing for certain what I wanted to do. So at the very last minute that anyone could even think about applying to colleges I applied to three SUNY schools. Places that I could figure out what I wanted to do with my life at a decent cost. I applied to Cortland, Oswego, and Brockport at a time that most people already knew where they were going and I knew I wouldn't have a chance because it was so late but I tried anyway. I was denied at Cortland and soon after denied from Oswego as well. The only option left was Brockport and you all probably think I got accepted to Brockport because I'm standing here in front of you know but that wasn't the case either. I was put on the waiting at Brockport shortly after hearing from the other two schools. All I could think about was the debt I would be in at Ithaca, how I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life, and I was starting to think about maybe just going to a Community College as my last option. But that was definitely not how I wanted my college picking experience to play out. That is until I received a call from the admissions office at Brockport when they informed me I was off the waiting list. I was mixed with emotions part of me wanted to go to Ithaca but the other part wanted to do what was best for me and deep down I knew Brockport was the best option so I committed to Brockport.

The only thing that got me through picking Brockport over the school I had my heart set on was the saying that everything happens for a reason and since I've been here I haven't been let down yet. I truly know this is where I'm meant to be because of all the great opportunities and friends I've made while being here. Ever since this experience, I even more believe in my heart by the motto that everything happens for a reason and there is always a plan for you. I'm sure I'm not the only one who feels this way about the school they picked to help better their future. So when you are faced with triumph or defeat just know there is a bigger plan for you and one day that plan will be clear.