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Who is your role model and why?

My dad is my role model. No matter what happens in my life I know I can always go to him for advice and count on him to tell me the truth. Whether it's what I want to hear or not he shows me the same respect that he and my mother taught me throughout my life.

What leadership skills or accomplishment(s) are you most proud of?

I am most proud of my academic accomplishments... I don't have a 4.0 but it's the fact that I have earned every grade that I have received and feel a sense of pride when talking to potential employers about my college career.

Why do you think it is important to get involved?

I wasn't involved in anything my first semester at Parkside, but with the help of my amazing advisor I became the president of a struggling organization. It was because of this opportunity that I learned how to step up and finally have a voice for the first time in my life. I had responsibilities that affected others and this set the way for the leader I've become.

What is the most rewarding aspect of your leadership position?

In terms of working in the Advising and Career Center, I love the fact that fellow classmates recognize me and don't hesitate to ask me questions about setting up appointments or about university requirements when they see me in the halls or if we have a class together.

If you were recruiting students to attend UW-P, what would you tell them?

I would tell aspiring students that Parkside allows you to develop lasting relationships with your professors, advisors, and classmates. These connections will prove to be valuable not only while in college, but after you graduate you have ideal references to keep in contact with as you progress in your careers.

How do you mentor future leaders?

I mentor by setting an example. I use the knowledge I have gained by working in the Advising and Career Center to educate future leaders on the major concerns and questions that younger students inquire about. I explain to them that it's ok to not have all the answers, but to be successful you seek out the answers to better educate yourself and to gain respect from those around you because you have shown them you can control an unfamiliar situation.

"Wanting to be someone else is a waste of the person you are."

– Kurt Cobain