

Scholar Story

BRIANNA



In communities where ambition often outpaces opportunity, Dwyer Workforce Development (DWD) stands out as a pillar of support for those aspiring to pursue a career in the healthcare industry. People like Brianna, whose story of personal growth, perseverance, and success through the Dwyer Scholar program is truly inspiring.

Brianna first heard about DWD not through a pamphlet or advertisement, but through a personal testimonial — that of her mother, herself an alum of the program. Her mother's encouragement was the spark that lit Brianna's path to a brighter future. "I ended up loving it," said Brianna, reflecting on her decision to join DWD.

At the time, Brianna was working at a beauty store, juggling long hours for low pay. She craved change and aspired for something that offered both personal and financial fulfillment. The transition was fraught with challenges, but Brianna's resolve remained unshaken. "The transition was hard," she admitted. "I thought about giving up, but I was committed to learn and better myself."

DWD's holistic approach to healthcare job training and placement support was a gamechanger for Brianna. From transportation assistance to personalized encouragement from her case manager, DWD provided a network of support that was particularly crucial as Brianna navigated her academic commitments while pregnant. "I love how the school was so welcoming and supportive," she recalled.

The pinnacle of Brianna's journey with DWD was when she completed her classes and clinicals — a true breakthrough moment. "I felt the heartfelt joy of succeeding and finishing because I never finished anything," Brianna shared. It was a milestone that marked not just the culmination of a course but the end of self-doubt.

Now, firmly on her career path in the healthcare industry, Brianna's life has been imbued with a newfound sense of purpose and confidence. "Joining the healthcare field made me feel special, like I really did something," she said, the pride shining through in her words. Her advice to those contemplating a similar leap is heartfelt and straightforward: "Be kind and treat people how you want to be treated ... come and do what you came to do, and never let others take that from you."

Brianna's story is not only a testament to her ambition and resolve but also to the power of DWD's innovative and holistic approach to workforce development. For Brianna, and many like her, Dwyer Workforce Development has been a launchpad to a lifechanging career.