



Last April, I was driving down the new loop on my way home from work (FM 4000) when I saw a girl standing next to a bicycle stranded on the side of the road. I turned around to go back and check on her because I thought she looked familiar. When I got back to her, her dad had just pulled up in a van and they were loading the bike.... she waived me on and told me everything was good. This past week I saw the same bicycle on campus, I pulled "Vasti" out of her Work Scholarship duties for a little while to see if that was her bike.

Here is the rest of her story.....

*My mom and dad divorced when I was little and my mom does not have a car. I live with her and my two brothers in the apartments behind the old Dairy Queen. My mom works at night but has to stay at home during the days to be with one of my brothers who has severe health problems. And I have to be there at night time to watch him.*

*After I graduated high school from Mount Pleasant in 2018 I was afraid to think about College because I knew I would not be able to afford it. Even worse, I was scared to come onto the campus because I felt so out of place. The Work4College Program changed all this for me. This is my second summer to be in the Program. This Program has not only allowed me to save over \$2,000 for college, but it also got me used to being on a college campus!*



*Last year, I enrolled in and completed 24 hours of College. I am the first, and only person in my family to ever go to college. My mom and dad rely on the Work4College Program last year and some I received from a PELL grant, after we got our rent and bills paid, I was able to buy a new bicycle. The days my dad cannot get me, I ride my bike to NTCC. I was told that if I told my teachers that I did not have a way to class, or if I told my work supervisor I sometimes did not have a way to get to the college for the Work4College Program, I would be kicked out. I cannot say the most importantly, I can NOT afford to NOT go to college.*

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