

Student Voices: Balance (Group 3)

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[00:00:00.27] Well, when I first started school it was-- I'm still having fun even though I have a child, but when I say first started school I had a lot of free time. I had more time to be able to also work on my homework whenever I really felt like I wanted to. I was able to take more breaks. I was working a full-time job, but I still had a lot more time, especially on the weekends. I always had weekends free so I was able to do whatever I wanted and my money, also.

[00:00:31.97] My money situation was a lot different, too. I was able to spend my money on really anything. My bills, but after having a child that didn't necessarily completely stop. I'm able-- I have a sitter, and I have family that do help me. But with a part-time job, going to school full-time and also a child, I hustle my time.

[00:00:57.28] That's basically what it is. I basically have to be a hustler. I'll sleep, in here, in this library. Sometimes I'm here from 2:00 to 10:00 at night. So during the days, sometimes I'll have about 45 minutes. I'll take a nap right over there in the corner. So I just have to hustle my time, literally be a hustler.

[00:01:22.80] I have an awesome job. So to be able to step away from my daughter that's screaming or step away from my homework or coming here and my classes, I'm able to go to his shop. And yeah, it's work, but it's not too bad to me because it's getting away from craziness. And not a lot of people are there, it's quiet. I just get to look at cool cars all day.

[00:01:50.72] So, yeah, you have to carve out time for yourself. If not, I don't know. I mean, that's what happened to me when I first started school. I thought, yeah, I'll go to school full-time, and I'll work full-time. I could do this. Everybody's like, are you sure? Yeah, I wish I didn't do that because I ended up failing a class. Seriously, it was too much. It was way too much. And I didn't-- I wasn't ready to balance my time because I didn't know. I was just so used to working full-time and that was it.