

Dear Mr. Robinson

My name is Linnea Patrice Goranson and I am 42 years old and I have Downs Syndrome and I am a former graduate from PPS when they had a program on campus in 2000, I graduated from the program in 2001 to help me get my career here at Portland State University as a Faculty & Staff Office Assistant! I am now working in the Dean's Office in COE! I only had 1 year in the program since I graduated from Lincoln High School in 2000. This was my first experience in a self-contained classroom since I was mainstreamed in general education! I learned a great deal in this program and also even though I only had 1 year I graduated with a standard diploma that granted me only 1 year in CTC, (Community Transition Classroom).

While I was in the program I definitely learned a lot from being independent, entering into the work life and setting goals in my personal life and work also. It also changes people's lives for the better to have jobs and entering college! This program helps high school kids with a variety of disabilities to have the chance to go into college. I never went that approach but it did help these young adults though who also never had a chance to start college. My part was I grew up with 3 brothers and the two older brothers already gotten their college experience going for their degrees and I never had the chance to go into college so that was my motivation of starting college on my own. They didn't have the grant for me to enter back than but I am glad that the grant just started but I don't know when CCS started but back than it started in 2000. I had Victor Cummings as the teacher, Norm McDonald and Claudia Plock, but I can't remember back then who else was in the program.

Sincerely yours,

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