

GOALS

- 1. To attend college.**
- 2. To pursue a career working in radio and have his own radio show.**
- 3. To develop skills in radio production.**

One of the highlights for Patrick in his first year was receiving his DJ certification. This involved completing a verbal test with the station manager. Patrick is now eligible to have his own show on WBIM, and next semester will be taking over the 7–9 pm Saturday show, which he plans to call “The Metal Blockchain.” He has also been appointed the station’s director of audio promotions and station technician. This position involves recording and editing promos, and then importing them into the automation system.

PLAN

In his next semester, Patrick has decided to take classes in television studio production and American Sign Language. He will be supported to live on campus, but will continue to fulfill his video duties for the high school by working remotely.

Patrick’s story highlights the benefits of going to college: the direct relationship between the classes he has chosen and the career he wants, the job skills he has learned, and the network of supporters he has developed.

OUTCOMES

One Friday, I met Patrick at the radio station, where he had just finished producing a couple of promos. He was getting ready for his weekly show, which included a 10-minute piece on the pros and cons of the new iPhone X. I sat back and enjoyed the show, and reflected on the wonderful opportunities that Patrick has created for himself and how he is using his college experience as a stepping stone toward his future career.

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High School	Initiated enrolling in class after suggestion from guidance counselor.	TV/Video Production class	Recording high school meetings; sports events. Assisted with studio’s social media channel	Project support: instructor
Fall 1	Developed person-centered plan with transition team. Class selection finalized with coordinator.	Radio production	Internship at college radio station; volunteered to record promos for other DJs.	Received 1:1 support from educational coach in class and intrn