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I was in the military and I understood that some of the decisions that were made. And I never had an understanding of it before I actually went into political science.

Since I've been at Fayetteville State University my instructors that stand out most to me were professor, Dr. Johnson and also Dr. Lim. Those two professors have always encouraged me to do the best that I can even when I didn't believe in myself. I suffer from disabilities and they have always encouraged me that you know that I can always be – I have the ability to do anything that I want to do as long as I believe in myself. And you know they have always connected me to the resources that was available on campus. They have so many different resources for people with disabilities that I was never aware of before I came to school which was one of the things that discouraged me from actually wanting to go to school because I didn't know that all these resources actually existed. So having access to these resources helped me tremendously and those guys helped boost my ego to the point that I was able to accomplish a lot of things that I never thought I was able to do.

My word to anybody who's thinking about returning back to school and for the people in the military, people who suffer from disabilities that hesitate from returning back to school, one thing I can say is that this place has helped me to build relationships that I thought I was able to never build again. I suffer from a number of different things and it's helped me to be able to start opening up relationships again. I have a long way to go and you know, but at the same time it's taking me further than I was in the past.

I'm proud to be a bronco because I see that there's many people from all different walks of life in all different places throughout the country and even throughout the world that come here to Fayetteville State University. And when they come here, everyone comes with their own little story that they come with but when they leave here they leave here with a better sense of who they are, a better sense of awareness. You know they're out there and they're ready to tackle whatever obstacles that come ahead and in the future you know they build a brotherhood and sisterhood that I don't see in a lot of places and throughout the world that I've been in. I've been in the military. I work with the government and I see that the brotherhood and sisterhood that they have here doesn't -it can't be imitated you know any other place. It makes me proud to see that these young, older, you know, the younger adults and older adults could be able to bridge the gap and be able to form some type of relationships together and that bond is very strong here at Fayetteville State University and I've never seen in any place where ever I've been.