

Meet Jazmin



Jazmin often missed school because she was sick. She's extremely allergic to smoke and many different foods. "Since I was sick at home by myself so often, I would get really depressed," said Jazmin. When she was able to go to school, she never knew what was going on in class. Trying to catch up seemed impossible. There were times when teachers would really try to support Jazmin, but then it felt like they just stopped believing in her.

At one point, Jazmin tried an online program, but it was hard to find the assignments and the support she needed wasn't there. She didn't receive any credit for an entire year. She knew she needed to find a different option.

That's when the Principal at Broomfield High School told her to speak with Rachael, a CYC Educational Outreach Specialist. When Rachael called Jazmin, she instantly felt supported and finally felt like she was going to start moving forward with her life and her education.

Jazmin had very few credits and so she and Rachael discussed going to Arapahoe Ridge High School (ARHS). ARHS allows students to go at a faster pace in order to receive more credits. "I was nervous at first, but I really like it now," said Jazmin. The teachers are her favorite part. "They are all fun people with different personalities and they know how to deal with all the students."

Jazmin is so thankful for Rachael. Rachael always makes sure that any decisions about Jazmin's education and her life are her own. "She makes me understand that all options are still open."

When asked what success looks like to her, Jazmin says "success to me is graduating from high school! I am telling myself that I want to do it, therefore I have to. I push through the pain of being sick. I walk a mile and a half to the bus stop every morning to catch the seven o'clock bus. Sometimes when I walk to the bus I feel frozen, but I am motivated by the work I am going to do at school that day." After high school, Jazmin wants to go to Naropa University and become a novelist.