

What have you been doing?

For a long time, I was only learning on my own, trying to figure out a way to get ahead without school. Lynda.com was a great help to me then. Finally, I realized that if I wanted a career or my own business I needed an education so in 2012 I went back to college for the first time since 2000. My experience at the school was not the best; tuition was cheap but it was a case of “you get what you pay for.” I had many excuses that kept me from going back to school; money was one excuse which is why I chose the cheap community college. I think I had a lack of confidence that I would be able to stick with school was another big issue. After spending 2 ½ years working two jobs most of the time plus being a part time college student stacked on top of every day life I knew that I could handle the challenge of going all in at Full Sail.

What are you doing?

Right now I am learning a lot from Full Sail. I feel like I have taken in more knowledge in my short time here than I did in over 2 years at my previous school. The knowledge has been more useful too. Lynda.com is one of my best friends now. I created a playlist of topics, most of which aren't a part of what I will be learning here at Full Sail, that will be accompanying pieces to my education. I categorized my playlists into categories such as business fundamentals, leadership, SEO, and more. These are topics that will help me in school, at work, and in my future attempt at starting my own business. Safari Books is also a place I am spending some of my free time. I am using Safari Books to get a general idea about topics that I may need in my future endeavors. Some of the topics I don't know much about so I will skim through the book to at least get a general idea and then decide if it is something I need to learn now, later, or at all. Up until now I have been focused on getting things started but now I am trying to pinpoint where I want to go with my life and what I need to learn to get me to that point. I also spend time looking at job ads to see what employers that are hiring web designers are looking for.

What's next?

I want to start putting the things I have learned together and do some freelance work to gain real world experience. As that experience grows I will be closer to

my goal of having my own business. It is very important to simply keep growing as a person and a student. My education won't stop with my Bachelor's Degree; I have my eyes on the Innovation and Entrepreneurship degree too. There are weaknesses of mine that I need to work on too. One of my biggest obstacles that will need to be overcome is being extremely picky when it comes to relationships. Whether it is personal or professional I have a hard time taking that first step of letting someone really know me. I know that in this industry networking is very important so I need to work on that.