

## **Discussion 1 – Introduce Yourself Post**

Hello, everyone! I hope that everyone had a great holiday weekend! My name is Brandy Novak. I am not currently married, but I have been with my boyfriend for the past five wonderful years. I do not have any human children, but I do have a ten year old fur baby beagle named Ladybug; who is an extremely spoiled. I currently work in the Customer Relations department at Sterling Jewelers, where I have been for almost ten years now. My goals are very simplistic, but very personal to me. I want to graduate from Full Sail with my Bachelor's Degree in Web Design and Development and move on to a successful and fulfilling career. I choose the Web Design and Development program, because it combines the visual and analytical aspects of design and development that I enjoy. I think the most challenging aspect of this course for me is going to be time management, because I work a full time job and take care of my sick grandfather, while attending Full Sail. I think challenges are only natural towards any goal that you try to achieve, but it's how you manage them that make the difference. One of the biggest challenges I foresee towards fulfilling my dream is leaving the security of my current job and my loving family, and relocating to a completely different environment. My aspirations are to find a job that I love and being able to travel the world.

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### **Response to Miranda Lee:**

Miranda, I completely agree! It is very difficult to balance life in-between classes and course work. That is where I struggle as well, but I have faith that you will persevere through it and find success. It's very admirable that you are going to school and raising a family as well, because if it were me, I'm not sure I would be as successful at it as you are. Your boys are adorable! I wish you the best in this course and in the future!

### **Response to Jeremy Martin:**

Jeremy, when I was going back to school originally I was on a similar path. I was going to school for computer engineering because I figured that is where the most profitable profession would be, but I didn't like it. It was boring and I just didn't have the passion for it, until I found web development. That's when I found my passion and decided to pursue it. It's great that you have such a great support system at home; with your wife and daughters, and at the end of the day, all of your hard work will make a difference and you will be successful!

### **Response to Reynier Amaro:**

Congratulations Reynier on graduating high school! Programming and learning any language is very difficult and I struggle with the different languages as well. Especially since you are learning so many languages in such a short amount of time. But I believe that in the end it will be worth it, because Full Sail is teaching you all of the necessary skills to become successful in the the professional field. Like you, I would like to eventually start my own business and I wish you the best of luck towards that endeavor! Do you plan on staying in Miami or moving back to Cuba after you graduate from Full Sail?