

*Nykenge (Nikki) is 21 years old, she is completing her second semester at UMass Boston. Prior to attending UMass Boston, Nikki took a class at Bunker Hill Community College.*

**How long have you attended UMass Boston and why are you here?**

Two semesters. It's a really big deal for me. I've met a lot of people. It is a bigger campus [than Bunker Hill]. There is a lot of people and more navigating to do on campus.

**What classes have you taken at UMass Boston?**

Food and empire- I liked this class. It was about food and drinking, it was more history. I had to keep a food diary once a week. I did the exams last semester, wrote a paper too. Communication course- this one is good too but it's really nice, I learned about grammar and language.

**You have an internship as a hostess in the dining hall? Do you like it?**

It's really nice. I met Kathy (coworker). She's been helpful and she's kind. She helps me greet people.

**What do you like to do at UMass Boston?**

Hangout with my friends, talk to Bella, my peer mentor, meet fellow students. I like the bacon, ham and cheese sandwiches!

**What are some of the hardest parts of college?**

The bus is hard. I am still working on traveling, can't do it by myself yet. It is hard making new friends. At Bunker Hill I had a lot of friends. Darryl [a friend] came here and introduced UMass Boston to me and he was really helpful to me, he was kind. Darryl left and that was hard.

**What do you like best about college?**

Hanging out with mentors.

**What advice might you give to a younger student who is nervous about trying college?**

It'll be okay if you meet new people.



Nikki on campus



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meet new people.**

**-Nykenge Blue**

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Nikki and her classmates at UMass Boston



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