

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



**It'll be okay if you
meet new people.**

–Nykenge Blue

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Nikki and her classmates at UMass Boston



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