

A great attitude leads to success for Brad Easton

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Brad Easton enjoys people, and being able to enjoy others is a much-needed characteristic when it comes to his job. Easton works 30 hours a week as an employee and peer tutor in the Wayne Community College (WCC) Academic Skills (AS) center.

He tutors students in math and English among other subjects.

Ask him about his job, and he'll tell you he enjoys it - in part because of his fellow workers.

"It's a friendly environment with great full time employees," says Easton. "Our goal is to help students understand what they do. We give them the individual help that you don't always get in class."

Easton uses a wheel chair. He

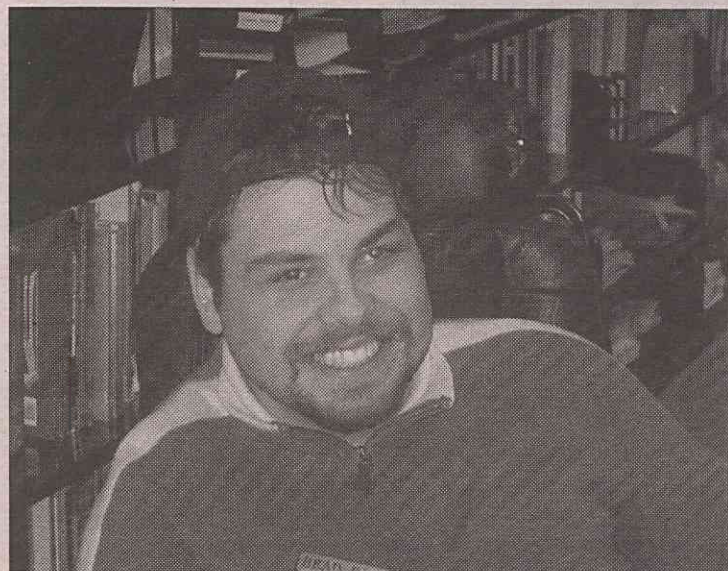


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Brad Easton is ready to lend a hand to those who need help with their studies

was born with a mild case of cerebral palsy, a condition that affects fine motor function, and can also affect speech among other things:

His mild disability has caused some considerable frustration when it comes to transportation. He opts to use public transportation, which he

explains is expensive and not always reliable. Easton cites time constraints as a result of public transportation as his biggest frustration regarding his use of a wheel chair. For him this makes attaining a job exceptionally difficult.

"I have to be ready an hour and a half ahead of time," he explained.

He is also a student at WCC and manages his time well.

He isn't shy and speaks with enthusiasm. He wants people to know him. Easton seems to enjoy people, and his job allows him to utilize his strengths.

"You have to have good people skills," explains Easton, referring to his job.

Easton will begin applying for jobs after graduation, but plans to continue working at WCC for the time being.

Easton is pursuing his associate's degree in arts. His long-term interest involves

computers, and he is working on a second degree in computer information technology.

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overcoming their addiction," Clark revealed. "Although they may be permanently labeled as an addict or eventually have to go through it again, they will have the knowledge that they can beat it."

Clark hopes the knowledge and skills she finds at WCC and other universities will provide her with the tools necessary to work in more areas within

the substance abuse field. She also has interest in helping people with hearing and speech impairments. The possibilities are endless.

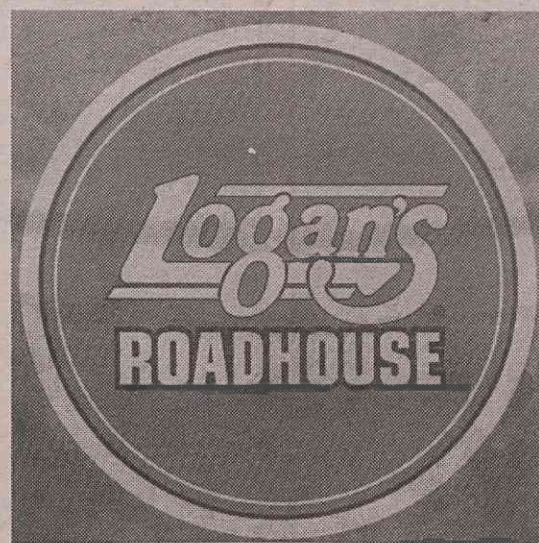
Lowering her head and voice just slightly, Clark made mention of one regret she has. "If I could change anything, I would have gone to college right after I graduated high school."

In a lighter, more joyous tone she noted, "Now that the kids are old enough to be in school and my work schedule allows me to be here, I have the freedom and the time to do what I want to - and that is to go to college."

This semester she is enrolled

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