Annabel Rodriguez is a young lady with multiple roles. One role is being a receptionist at the Kansas Heart Hospital, which she enjoys because she makes a difference in patients’ lives. Another role is being a mother of two beautiful daughters, Nayeli and Aubrianna. They are her inspiration to her career. The third role is being a student at Wichita State University where she plans to graduate and become a dentist hygienist to educate the public about the importance of proper oral hygiene.

Even though her life as a college student is a challenge because of her multiple roles, Annabel is determined to graduate next year. She has a GPA of 3.7 and has made the College of Health Professions Dean’s List.

Annabel loves to volunteer and help people who are in need. Giving back to the community is what inspires her in life. The best remedy she recommends when holding so much stress and responsibility is to smile and not to forget to make someone laugh daily. She believes that every person has the potential to be successful in life, but all it takes is motivation and dedication.

Being in the Student Support Service Program has taught Annabel that there are individuals who care and want to help students accomplish their dreams.

Dawn Gorans served for eight years in the United States Air Force. She worked in Account and Finance at Ramstein AFB, GE and McConnell AFB, KS. Her accounting background landed her at Scholfield Auto Plaza where she worked in accounting for 13 years.

In 2011, Dawn was provided an opportunity to return to school with a full scholarship through the Veteran’s Administration Vocational Rehabilitation Program. A single mom of two children, changing career fields and having very little college credit was neither in her favor, nor an easy venture. However, as motivated as she was, she could not pass up the opportunity and accepted the challenge.

Dawn started college with a focus in medical laboratory sciences, but later, decided to change to health service management and community development. Inspite of family responsibilities, she has maintained a 3.30 grade point average. She is currently scheduled to graduate in May 2016.

Dawn is not only a beneficiary of the Office of Disability Services (ODS), but since 2013, she has also worked for the ODS performing a variety of jobs and interacting with other students and faculty.