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## ***Katie Siek* video snippet transcript**

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### **Don't let other people's expectations affect your dreams**

What I want people to take away from my story is to not let other people's expectations affect what your goals or what your dreams are. For in my story, when I was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade my parents threw me a big party, thinking that was it. That was the top of my academic game. I wasn't going to graduate any more after that. And then when I was in junior high and high school having my parents fight for me so I could get out of the life skills track. The secretary schools did help me, but they weren't where I wanted to go. And then all through college, going through and talking and telling people I wanted to get my Ph.D. and just continuing on. Just ... just ... other people's expectations can't stop you. Just think about your goals and keep going for it.

**Interviewer: Thank you, Katie.**