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Middle Georgia College Student Finds Success through Hard Work and a Second Chance

(Dublin, Ga.) – Each day hundreds of students file through the doors of Middle Georgia College’s (MGC) Dublin campus in search of the bright future that educational opportunities can provide. The campus offers Dublin area students an accessible and affordable option to pursue their college degrees, degrees that are becoming increasingly more valuable as businesses shift towards requiring most of their employees to have some level of higher education. MGC student Josh Killingsworth of Dexter has seen first-hand the difference having a college degree can make in life. Josh’s unique experiences have led him to dedicate himself to becoming one of MGC’s most committed and successful students.

Killingsworth was a student at West Laurens High School when his father Wendell had back surgery. Already struggling with his school work, Josh had to take on the added responsibility of caring for his father. His grades suffered as a result. “I didn’t have the knowledge to realize how important [my education] was when I was in high school,” Killingsworth said, “I was careless.” After graduating from high school in 2005, Killingsworth took a job at a local business and contemplated going to a technical college. The work was physically demanding, and the pay was low. Josh soon realized that all of the management positions at his place of employment were filled by people with college degrees, and this realization led him to revisit his goals.

When Killingsworth applied to MGC, he was initially denied acceptance because of his low grade point average (GPA) in high school. Refusing to give up, Josh and his father paid a visit to the MGC Dublin Campus Director Rodney Carr. “Josh came to me and said, ‘If you give me a chance, I’ll prove I can do it,’” Carr explained. Carr was impressed with Killingsworth’s dedication and sincerity, and the college agreed to admit him – a decision that has proved successful for both MGC and Josh. Killingsworth is currently a member of the campus student government association, and he has lived up to his promise of excelling academically.

“Josh is a great student leader, and his GPA is excellent,” Carr said. Carr points to Killingsworth’s story as an example of the opportunity and hope that accessible, high-quality education can offer the citizens of the Dublin-Laurens County area. “College is a possibility, no matter who tells you it isn’t. MGC offers students an excellent education that is affordable and close to home,” Carr explained. “It’s very important to MGC that we make a positive difference in this community, and I think the area will continue to benefit greatly from the access to higher education that MGC offers.”

Killingsworth is now a business major at MGC, and he stated that the college is a great fit for him. He praised MGC’s small class sizes and the individual attention the faculty offers students. Killingsworth also said that the money he has saved by attending a local college is a great benefit. “I wanted to stay near home to cut costs, and I knew I could get the same course-work at MGC as I could get a bigger college far from home. The classes

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here are just as good,” Killingsworth said.

“The students all feel comfortable at MGC. It’s a nice environment, and the campus is not as much of a culture shock as it would be to go from high school to a really big college,” Killingsworth stated. “I like the small classes and the great staff and faculty. The teachers here don’t mind helping you out and giving you individual help.” MGC Dublin’s enrollment numbers continue to grow, and the campus currently serves 825 students plus over 100 students that are taking online classes. Killingsworth has witnessed the growth first hand and explained that it is definitely good for the college and the community. “It will sure look good for me later to say that I went here,” he said.

The MGC Dublin campus is located at 1900 Bellevue Rd. For more information about the campus, please call 478-275-6643. To find out how you can enroll at any of MGC’s three campuses located in Dublin, Eastman and Cochran, please call the Middle Georgia College Office of Admissions at 478-934-3103.

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