

“A FAMILY AFFAIR”

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BROWN MACKIE COLLEGE GRADUATES MAKE THE GRADE

Tricia Wozniak didn't have a problem with being in the same class as her daughter Sarah Garwood. In fact, this mother/daughter duo held friendly competitions to see who would get the better grade. Now both graduates of Brown Mackie College – Michigan City, they no longer compete for grades; instead, they encourage one another in their professional endeavors.

Sarah Garwood currently works for a local trucking company in Michigan City. She graduated from Brown Mackie College – Michigan City in 2006 with two degrees, in Computer Software Technology and Business Management. “I really enjoy working with computers and with my Business Management degree I want to open my own computer business or own a hotel,” says Sarah. She states the classes at Brown Mackie College – Michigan City motivated her to pursue her career goals. “Listening to my teachers talk about how they started their own small businesses made me realize that I could do the same thing one day,” Sarah explains. Teachers were not the only people to whom Sarah listened: she notes her mother as being a vital force in her educational career, “my mom motivated me a lot.”



It is no surprise that Tricia Wozniak served as a motivator for her daughter; her incredible work ethic is an inspiration to all. Tricia, now equipped with a degree in Accounting from Brown Mackie College – Michigan City, proves that it is never too late to go back to school. After working part time as a bus driver for 15 years and becoming a single mother, Tricia decided it was time for a change in careers. “I had to do something to support my daughter and myself, so I decided to go back to school,” Tricia explains. While it is not easy to change careers and support a family,

Tricia is proof that it is possible. Currently, Tricia is working at Brown Mackie College – Michigan City where she recently has been promoted to the position of Senior Financial Aid Officer. Tricia is passionate about her education and takes it very seriously. “I didn't have the opportunity to go to college when I was younger because I was the oldest child in a large family. When I did have the opportunity, I had to prove to myself that I could do this,” she says.

Both Tricia and Sarah are enjoying the success that was made possible by pursuing their education at Brown Mackie College – Michigan City.

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