

An experience that defiantly helped shape me into the person I am today is the nearly eight years I spent battling opiate addiction. After I graduated high school in June of 2012, I started going to bonfire parties and drinking things I had never done prior to graduating, in November of 2012 I met my ex and started the downward spiral into addiction. First, we started smoking Percocet 30mg pills but, it was only about a year before the 30s were nearly impossible to find on the street and so a friend of ours told us that they were able to get a “pure form” of the Percocet 30s and we got that to smoke instead. It wasn't until shortly afterwards when we would figure out that this “pure form” of the 30s was just regular heroin.

From that point on I really noticed the addiction begin to take hold and I spent the first five years of my addiction dating my ex, within those five years we lived in my car and even sold dope for a while to be able to support our own habits. After almost five years together we broke up towards the end of 2017 and I was able to still find ways to support my own habit. In 2018 I began seeing who my son's biological dad would eventually be, before I even got pregnant, we were arguing one night and he ended up throwing a large, heavy A&W mug at me and the mug hit me directly in the mouth, knocking out one and a half of my top teeth and pushing my two bottom front teeth back. After this incident I still stayed with him and in January of 2019 I found out I was pregnant.

When I was 19 weeks pregnant while in another argument, he wouldn't let me into the car, so I grabbed the spoiler, he told me to let go and I said no. Knowing I was still holding the spoiler and that I was pregnant he still spooled the turbo and hit the anti-lag before taking off in the car, sending me flying off the back onto the street. Luckily, I somehow managed to twist in the air so the brunt of the impact was on my left upper thigh where I had bad road rash for a while, but my son was completely unharmed. After he was born on September 3rd, 2019, I got clean and my clean date is September 11th, 2019, and I've been clean ever since. They say that to get and stay clean you must “do it for yourself” but, I never really cared about what

happened to me however, I do care about what happens to my son. Ever since I was a little girl, I wanted my first born to be a boy but there's so many girls in my family I didn't think it would ever happen so, my son is literally my wish come true and I will do everything to make sure he has a good life and that his needs are always met.

Although it doesn't have much to do with addiction, I plan to earn my bachelor's degree in American Sign Language (ASL)/English Interpreting. Ideally, I hope to use my degree to get a job as a TTY operator since they are usually able to work from home and being a single parent, I think it would be best to work from home that way I'm always there for my son but still able to make a living to support the two of us.

Jessica Johnson

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Birth date: 08/19/1994

**Objective:**

I am open to working all positions. I am just looking for a job that I can make into a long-term career, advance within the company and enjoy.

**Summary Of Qualifications:**

I am fluent in American Sign Language (ASL). I also volunteered with my sisters several different Special Olympics teams for 4+ years.

**Employment History:**

Employer- Masako E. Johnson

Location- Puyallup, WA

Start date- 12/2015

End date- 07/2017

Position- Caregiver

Supervisor- Eric Johnson

Pay- \$10/hourly

Duties- care for and watch over my 30 year old mentally handicapped sister while my parents were traveling after retirement (i.e. cooking, cleaning, helping to get my sister to and from work, help her shower, wash her clothes, make sure she takes her medications on time in A.M. & P.M., etc.).

Employer- Starbucks

Location- Puyallup, WA

Start date- 09/2015

End date- 11/2015

Position- Barista

Supervisor- Keith M.

Pay- \$10/hourly

Duties- cashier, cash pickup/till drop, barista, general cleaning, stocking, customer service  
Reason for leaving- professional differences with management.

Employer- Xerox

Location- Federal Way, WA

Start date- 09/2012

End date- 02/2013

Position- Customer Service Representative (CSR)

Supervisor- Paul Spraggins

Pay- \$10/hourly

Duties- answer inbound customer service calls, bill adjustments, bill payments, sales, technical support

Reason for leaving- laid off due to lack of business

Employer- Ivar's

Location- Puyallup, WA

Start date- 05/2011

End date- 09/2012

Position- Crew Member

Supervisor- Chris Orchekowsky

Pay- \$9.04/hourly

Duties- cashier, drive thru, food prep, line cook, customer service, cleaning, waitress, buss tables

Reason for leaving- offered full time/better paying position elsewhere

**Education:**

Emerald Ridge High School.

Graduated Class Of 2012 (June 2012) graduated with 3.6GPA and honors

Pierce Community College

Graduated June 2022 with Associates of the Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement

Accumulative GPA: 3.5

Western Oregon University

Accepted for transfer starting fall 2022

Plan to earn bachelor's degree in ASL/English Interpreting

**Activities:**

I love to be outdoors or anywhere with friends. I love to be spontaneous and adventurous. I will try almost anything at least once and always enjoy making new friends/meeting new people! I can strike up a conversation and become friends with just about anyone the very first time I meet them. I am a very social, kind, and fun-loving young woman. I am also fluent in American Sign Language (ASL) and have 10+ years' experience in helping to care for/volunteering with mentally handicapped teenagers/young adults. My older sister is also mentally handicapped, so I have always helped care for her and helped with her Special Olympics teams.

**Honors/Awards:**

I graduated in the top 10% of my class in 2012 with a 3.6GPA and graduated with honors in arts & communications. My freshman year of HS (9th grade) I also received a science award

for a water slide I built/designed using the program Rhino 3D. Spring quarter of 2021 at Pierce I made the president's list, earning an accumulative 3.99GPA while taking 12 or more credits.

**References:**

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Name- Christophe Allen

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Name- Susan Pernu

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January 24, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Jessica Johnson for an Ups for Downs scholarship. Jessica was a student in my Cultural Anthropology class last term. I was impressed with her conscientiousness as well as the high quality of her work.

Jessi demonstrated strong academic skills and a deep sense of curiosity. She regularly asked interesting questions, not just clarifying the materials, but going beyond them to consider how the skills and concepts she was learning might apply out in the world. I was particularly impressed with her ability to write clearly and effectively. Overall, her work in the class was consistently very good to excellent in quality.

One of the core skills of Cultural Anthropology is the practice of cultural relativism: the ability to empathize, to strive to understand other points of view, even if you don't necessarily agree with them. Jessi did an excellent job with this skill. Throughout the term, she engaged with other cultures and other students thoughtfully and respectfully. She demonstrated an ability to be open-minded, approaching others with curiosity and a desire not only to understand, but to use her skills and knowledge to make a positive difference in the world.

Making a positive difference seems to be a basic orientation for Jessi. She spent her teen years, for example, helping to care for her mentally handicapped sister. In her final assignment for the Cultural Anthropology class, she discussed how she could use what she learned during the term to help alleviate world hunger. As she continues her education, she wants to major in ASL, with the goal of becoming an interpreter and TTY operator so she can help deaf individuals in their interactions with, for example, businesses or medical offices.

I believe that Jessica has the academic skills, the positive attitude, and the determination to successfully complete her education and reach her career goals, becoming a positive force in her community. An Ups for Downs scholarship would help give her the opportunity to do just that. I strongly recommend her.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kathryn Keith  
Professor of Anthropology  
Pierce College

**Unofficial Transcript - Academic Career**

Name: **Jessica Johnson**  
 Student ID: **201647009**

Print Date: 10/29/2021

**FALL 2017 (09/25/2017 - 12/13/2017)**

<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
ENGL&	101	English Composition I	5.000	0.000	NC	0.000
Term GPA			0.000	Term Totals		
			<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>GPA Units</u>	<u>Points</u>
			5.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

**WINTER 2020 (01/06/2020 - 03/24/2020)**

<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
COLLG	110	College Success	3.000	3.000	2.0	6.000
MATH	96	Intermed Algebra in Context	7.000	7.000	3.8	26.600
Term GPA			3.260	Term Totals		
			<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>GPA Units</u>	<u>Points</u>
			10.000	10.000	10.000	32.600

**SPRING 2020 (04/06/2020 - 06/19/2020)**

<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
ENGL&	101	English Composition I	5.000	5.000	4.0	20.000
PSYC&	100	General Psychology	5.000	5.000	3.1	15.500
Term GPA			3.550	Term Totals		
			<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>GPA Units</u>	<u>Points</u>
			10.000	10.000	10.000	35.500

**FALL 2020 (09/21/2020 - 12/09/2020)**

<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
ANTH&	205	Biological Anthropology	5.000	5.000	3.0	15.000
CMST&	220	Public Speaking	5.000	5.000	4.0	20.000
Term GPA			3.500	Term Totals		
			<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>GPA Units</u>	<u>Points</u>
			10.000	10.000	10.000	35.000

**WINTER 2021 (01/04/2021 - 03/23/2021)**

<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
CIS	103	Online Learning: Get Started	2.000	2.000	3.6	7.200
ENGL&	102	Composition II: Argue/Research	5.000	5.000	4.0	20.000
PHIL	150	Introduction To Ethics	5.000	5.000	2.6	13.000
Term GPA			3.350	Term Totals		
			<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>GPA Units</u>	<u>Points</u>
			12.000	12.000	12.000	40.200

**SPRING 2021 (04/05/2021 - 06/18/2021)**

<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
ASL&	123	American Sign Language III	5.000	5.000	4.0	20.000
MATH&	107	Math in Society	5.000	5.000	4.0	20.000
MATHC	107	Math in Society Corequisite	2.000	2.000	4.0	8.000
SOC&	101	Introduction to Sociology	5.000	5.000	3.7	18.500
Term GPA			3.912	Term Totals		
			<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>GPA Units</u>	<u>Points</u>
			17.000	17.000	17.000	66.500
Term Honor:			President's List			

**FALL 2021 (09/20/2021 - 12/08/2021)**

<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>
ANTH&	206	Cultural Anthropology	5.000	0.000		0.000
PHYS&	110	Physics Non-Sci Majors	5.000	0.000		0.000

Unofficial Transcript - Academic Career

Name: Jessica Johnson  
Student ID: 201647009

			<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>GPA Units</u>	<u>Points</u>
Term GPA	0.000	Term Totals	10.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Undergraduate Totals</b>						
Cum GPA	3.560	Cum Totals	74.000	59.000	59.000	209.800

End of Unofficial Transcript - Academic Career