

Good Afternoon,

I would like to share my experiences as a beneficiary of the HUD VASH program. The program has been life changing. The HUD VASH program has empowered me to actualize my educational and professional plans. The staff at the Veterans Affairs in Loma Linda, especially Miss. Jennifer Sircar, played an important role by mentoring and supporting my educational and professional goals. Miss. Sircar was a great liaison and spokesperson by referring me to the US Vets for further assistance in accessing resources. Furthermore, I was referred to the Warehouse for Heroes, which furnished my apartment completely. The program has been full of great opportunities, I am indebted to the Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development. The services provided by both HUD and the VA have prepared me to transition into a new phase in my life. I now am on my way to realizing a lifelong goal of attaining my Bachelor's degree in Anthropology, this summer I will graduate from the University of California Riverside. I have been able to utilize the Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits, which has contributed to the improvement of quality of life for my daughter and me. The GI Bill has been the platform which has allowed me to pursue my education. I have benefited from the book stipend, from the tuition fee payment, and the monthly living allotment. I have utilized the resources made available and they have truly changed my life. I hope to be a civil servant for this great nation.

Respectfully

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