

Dear Kathy and Kristin,

I hope this finds you well.

I wanted to share an incredible story with you. Yesterday, I attended one of my former Discovery student's graduation from law school. The graduation was for the famous "Matt G" (I always tell his story to NILD course participants). Matt G. was asked to leave his junior year in high school because of so many demerits and low grades. Matt G.'s father came to me one day and asked if I would speak to the administration on his son's behalf. I told Matt G. and his dad that I would if his son would do several things for 2 weeks. After that time, I would review his behavior and grades to determine whether or not I would speak to the administration on his behalf. Matt G. did do everything that was asked of him. The administration determined that Matt G. could return to school his senior year on probation for the first 9 weeks. This would be only the beginning of Matt G.'s amazing journey.

Matt G. worked hard his senior year and was awarded the Discovery Award due to making 90's and above in all of his classes. Matt G. received a standing ovation from his peers. It was a great moment for student, parents, and therapist. The Lord was blessing our hard work.

The first year of college, Matt G. came to speak to our Discovery parents and students about how the Discovery Program had helped him with studying strategies and focus. His speech excited so many of the students that the Discovery Senior Award became a coveted award every year after that. (The Lord was using Matt to inspire others).

In 2007, Matt G. spoke at my school retirement party. What an honor to have this young man stand in front of so many regarding our time together in Discovery. We had many laughs that day. (The Lord was using Matt G. to bless others).

Matt G. graduated from one of the largest universities in Texas with BA in Business, making the Dean's List repeatedly. His incredible journey did not end with that accomplishment. Sunday, May 23, 2010, Matt G. graduated from a prestigious Texas Law school in the top 20% of his class! What an unbelievable moment to see this young man obtain a Doctorate of Jurisprudence! This is not the end of his journey but only the beginning for this exceptional young man and his life's work. (The Lord will use Matt G. to help others).

This wondrous story of redemption is just one of those nuggets of Heaven that our Lord sends to us while on earth in order to continue the work He has called us to do.

Continue "standing in the gap" for the students that cannot stand, speak, read, write or calculate for themselves. Be prepared for a spectacular ride!

Blessings to you and all you do in this special work! May the Lord receive all the glory and honor!

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