

## What Influenced You to Pursue a Degree in Business By Jake Buskirk

I never thought a cosmetics company would influence my life so much! Since I was a child, my mother has worked from our home selling Mary Kay Cosmetics. She was able to spend more time with her kids than almost any other parent I know. Because of my mother's success in this business, my father was able to retire early, while I was still a young child; however, my parents didn't always have it so good.

My mom married my dad right out of high school. She worked as a waitress at a small diner while my father was in the construction business. When my mom joined Mary Kay, she started off really slow, however, she worked very hard to make herself successful. I have learned that if you really believe that you can do something and try your best, you can do whatever you set your mind to.

Mary Kay Cosmetics is a very successful organization, not only because of their achievements it cares about their employees. The company's Golden Rule is God first, family second, career third. That rule just shocks me because I can't believe that there is a company that puts God first. I have a very strong faith in god and I hope to someday start a business that can be centered on God as much as this company.

I have chosen to get a degree in business because I want to learn how to work in, and operate a good business. One of my main goals in life is to touch people's hearts in some way with my business. Right at this moment in my life I

don't know how I am going to do that, but I think with the help of God and the college of my choice, I know I will find out.

My parents are the greatest role models of living a great life, job, family, and relationship with God. I hope someday I can look back at my life and see that I have those things, too. There is something my mother has always told me that has made a huge impact on my life that I would like to share with whoever I meet – “How are you going to get anything done, if you don't think that you can?”