

Outstanding Dislocated Worker Award 2019 - Lisa Piekarski

Lisa was laid off in 2015 after working for a convenience store chain for nine years. After attending a Rapid Response, Lisa went to the Harnett County Workforce Development office in Lillington to enroll for the WIOA Dislocated Worker Program.

After entering the WIOA program, Lisa enrolled at Fayetteville State University to pursue her Bachelor's degree in Accounting. While in school, Lisa's mother died, and her father became ill. She had to lighten her class load to cope with the loss and provide care to her father, but she never gave up hope that she would finish. She was able to make up for the class she dropped the following semester.



During her time as a student at Fayetteville State University, Lisa was selected by the Dean to take additional SAP courses (Systems Applications and Products) to compliment her course of study. In May of 2018, Lisa earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in both Accounting and in Banking and Finance. She graduated with honors, was named to the Chancellor's List, and earned the title Summa Cum Laude because of her 3.9 GPA.

Lisa is currently employed full-time as an Accountant with Gould & Goodrich, earning livable and sustainable wages. In addition to her responsibilities as an accountant, Lisa provides assistance to the Account Manager as needed.

Picture Caption: (l to r) Lisa was presented her Outstanding Dislocated Worker Award from TSWDB Member Angie Stewart at the 2018 TSWDB Awards Banquet.