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“Joining Regent”

According to the education statics today, attaining a high school diploma is already a feat that a vast majority of Americans do not achieve. Making it to college and completing their courses there is an achievement that is even harder. Despite this, pursuit for excellence through hard work and determination has helped a majority to beat the odds and overcome challenges to complete high school and eventually join college. While there are different colleges that prepare students in different ways for the job market and the world at large, with top institutions having bottlenecked entry systems due to the number of applications, sometimes they instill knowledge but fail to create an all rounded person.

Universities that offer secular education systems with little provision for spiritual growth barely prepare students for the world. It therefore is a humbling experience to have the chance of joining a Christian university that has very high standards and Christ-centered curriculum that prepares one in innovation to face the challenges of the complex world and make a difference. Having the skills of integrity, compassion and purpose is proper impetus towards changing the world using reason and faith. Based on this, it is momentous and worth celebration to be part of a wonderful institution like Regent University.

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The journey towards joining Regent University has had a divine drive that began with a personal need to find and define myself. During the self-centered but totally unselfish process, I realized the need to become a more rounded person in order to face the challenges that the world posed better. This was especially informed by the personal challenges that I had been going

through in the last one few months. With a majority of friends and being drawn into crime, drug and substance use and other challenges that the youth face, I found myself almost drawn into the pressures. As a result, I reevaluated my priorities and choices in order to be a better person in future.

My biggest drive was trying to veer off from expectation and rising above the clout. While many have written off modern youths due to the pitfalls that they face only too often, the experiences and outcomes of those that have follow the secular path and failed to make it were an eye opener. I might not have known what I wanted to be or what I wanted to do with my life but I definitely knew where I didn't want to end up. As a result, I worked harder to improve myself and ensure that I beat the odds and emerge a winner.

Ministering to the youth today is a challenge you will face quite too often. Instead of focusing on how beaten one is in trying to do it, one should focus on the more avenues of ministry that every trial brings. The challenge of trying to lure friends off the pressure without much success led to me wanting to be a better person so that in future I can stand as a testimony and a role model that is well prepared for the world by Regent University. The challenges I faced have turned into an opportunity to show the world that reason and faith make a difference.