

Kaitlyn Anthony is a freshman who is attending Illinois Valley Community College located in Oglesby, Illinois. Oglesby is located about halfway between Chicago and Peoria on the northern half of the state.

**Q)** How did you first get interested in the graphic arts, or decide to major in graphic communications in school?

*A) I first took photography and digital graphics in high school, and found that I had a talent and love for photography. After that I knew I would want to have a career where I could incorporate photography.*

**Q)** Did you take any courses in high school that were related to graphic communications, or that prepared you for your planned career?

*A) During high school I took courses in photography, digital graphics, and graphic communications.*

**Q)** What course of studies are you taking now, or planning on taking, during the path of your school education?

*A) I am currently pursuing an Associate's degree in Graphic Design Technology. I have taken classes in visual communications, drawing, design, web design, printing technology, Photoshop, InDesign, and Illustrator. I am planning to obtain this degree within two years.*

### **Looking to the Future**

**Q)** Is there a particular area of the graphic communications field that is of special interest to you as you consider where you want to focus your future career on?

*A) Throughout my studies in the graphic communications field, I have enjoyed photography and web design the most, and plan to focus my future career in these areas.*

**Q)** What type of company would you like to work for after you graduate?

*A) I would like to work for a company in which I can be independent and work directly with clients. My dream is to one day own my own photography or web design business.*

**Q)** What do you think employers are looking for in today's workforce and current industry environment?

*A) I believe employers are looking for new outlooks and ideas, along with knowledge of all aspects of graphic communications.*

**Q)** Have you changed your plans or ideas about what area or type of job you might like to have since you first considered the graphic communications field and began studying for a career in it?

*A) At first I had my heart set on being a photographer, but throughout the course of my education I have learned that there is such a wide variety of possible career opportunities in the graphic communication industry. I have learned not to limit myself or my future career opportunities.*

**Q)** Has being a recipient of a PGSF scholarship made a difference in your education, and if so, how?

*A) Receiving a PGSF scholarship has made a difference in my education. The scholarship has made obtaining my degree so much more affordable, and has lessened the financial burden of college. This has also helped guide me on the right path to an enjoyable future career.*

**Q)** Anything else that you would like to add?

*A) I would like to add that my education so far has helped me to discover who I am, what makes me happy, and what I want for myself and my future.*