

Transcripts of Ambassador Videos – Spring 2022 Semester

Gerald Belton—Fort Washington, Maryland

In my old college, I had little to no support in academics. Nothing was working. I was not satisfied with the grades that I was getting. My mom actually found Landmark College for me. At first, I was pretty hesitant to go, so **I decided to take that leap of faith and come visit Landmark, and I was blown away by how nice the people were.** One way Landmark College is helping me is academically, with all the support that they give, all the flexible office hours that they also provide. It felt more flexible and manageable.

Zoë Feil—Bronx, New York

In coming to Landmark, I was able to meet with counselors to get good coaching on that; be able to structure my schedule in a way that actually works for me, and I can follow it, kind of more accurately. The school has amazing resources and a really positive staff that really want to help us succeed. At Landmark, **our faculty is really good in being hands-on and actually helping get us the experience and the exposure we need so we're ready for the field.**

Sarah Kersey—Naperville, Illinois

I Googled "college for students with adhd" and Landmark came up, and I saw the ways that Landmark is set up with all of these resources to help students who struggle academically who are neurodivergent. Landmark is like one of the most accepting places that I've ever been in. And I have really loved the people that I've known here and the friends that I've made, and the professors and coaches that I've had. The professors here are really good about connecting with their students and putting in lots of extra time to really help them succeed. I think **I came to Landmark because of the academic support that I would get, but I stayed because of the relationships that I built.**

Katie Marroni—North Andover, Massachusetts

I came to Landmark because it was a place that would understand me for me instead of trying to make me fit a mold of what I should be. Overthinking is a really big issue for me, and at Landmark, I can still challenge myself but um, you know, it's fostered in a realistic way. **One thing you need to know about Landmark is that it isn't by any means a magic fix. All the work and success that happens, in the end is on you,** and Landmark provides all the tools in the world to get there.

Carolina Mellado—Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

And we came here to an open house in March and immediately I was like, I want to go here. This is where I want to go because this is what I need. When I talk to the professor saying, oh hey, um, I am getting very anxious over tests or papers, and they're like okay, why don't we schedule time to meet? **They go step by step meeting with you because they understand differences, but like we're all unique in like our own certain way.** I would say Landmark College will...they will listen, and they will give you the support that you need.

Lauren Orser—Yarmouth, Maine

I found Landmark after looking at 15 other schools, and when I was looking for a college, I wanted to be in New England, I wanted somewhere small. I also wanted to be able to have the supports that I needed, and Landmark seemed the best fit for me. I came for an open house and **seeing the student panel really helped to see that there are kids that looked like me and that having an LD isn't something to be ashamed of or hide.** So, I came here, and it was my first choice of a school.

Kenny Pepper—West Windsor, New Jersey

One thing that makes Landmark unique is, you know, everyone has a learning disability, and **you feel like you are already in the community and, you know, you can just instantly relate, you know, to everyone that's here.** I found Landmark--actually through my mom--so we came up, did a tour; coming to the open house and hearing some of the other campus ambassadors talk about their experiences...it just...it's exactly like what I had been through. It put my mind at ease, you know, and just...I felt, like this, you know, this is a place that I could come to and, you know, succeed. One thing that's really helped me has been the very hands-on approach that, you know, that the advising has. The systems at this school are really helpful.

Gabby Woolgar—Perth, Australia

My journey hasn't always been so simple. I didn't want to get lost in the system. I wanted to find the support. I've always planned to come to college here in the U.S., so mom looked around and she found Landmark, and **for the first time someone was telling us how they were going to support us.** They teach you how to self-advocate for yourself and to really be comfortable in your own shoes. There are people there to be... to be there to support you along that journey and make sure that you're always on the right track.

Molly Talbot—New London, Connecticut

I found Landmark College through the internet and I had no idea where I wanted to go originally, but then I realized I probably would need more support after the pandemic hit. So, we started looking, **we found Landmark and like, this is close by but just far enough that I can get my independence.** It's a small, little college where you can really get to know everybody, you know? And you really have that one-on-one support, which is different from my high school because there was so many of us. So only so many teachers could help so many kids. So here you really feel like you're uniquely...it's very individualistic where you get that one-on-one help. If you're afraid to go away from home or even if it's like an hour away, it works out for the best; because you know, instead of just coming home from a day after high school and being like, oh, this is what I did today and it only lasts like a five minute conversation versus now, I can be like, look what I did today to my parents for a 20 minute Facetime call.

Laney Garrett—La Grange, Illinois

My dad recommended Landmark College to get support and get any help with social pragmatics, which is PEERS. I am learning new social skills and what you should do and what you shouldn't do in conversations. I'm definitely looking forward to meeting new people and making sure that they feel like they belong at Landmark and that they can do anything. **There's a lot of support and people who care.**

Jennie Curtis—Westminster, Massachusetts

I was struggling a lot in another college so I just transferred here and that was one of the best decisions I made, for sure. When I came here, **I definitely felt accepted in a way, like I wasn't the dyslexic outcast anymore. It's just been working really well for me.** Definitely use the resources that are given. It helps and it can work, and if it doesn't work there's always a different resource you can go to.

Spencer Morgan—Ann Arbor, Michigan

Most of my childhood was a really mixed bag for me. Elementary school was tough for me, middle school that's when we shed some more light on my learning differences. I had a long conversation with my mom and dad about what steps I should take in terms of where I want to go to school. I just decided I've got to figure school out. I want to go to a school that can help me do that. The whole college caters towards students who learn differently, which is something I've never experienced before. **I've been able to figure out what I struggle with and what I'm actually very good at,** which is something that I never, I never thought was possible.

Emma Lucarelli—Bristol, Vermont

I came to Landmark because it really stood out to me because I, um, learn differently and I have like needed like a lot of support in the past. So, **I'm more of like a visual learner, more than an auditory...**um, so when I came here um, I really thought that it was super nice to like, have some like, so much of that support to like, help me be successful. There's like so much people can do here and like get into.

Nolan Horn—West Hartford, Connecticut

I came to Landmark College because I saw that it had a gap year program, which was something I was looking for at the time. I thought the Transition-at-College program was interesting, it was sort of like a slow ease into college, which I sort of liked because it allowed me to get a little bit of experience under my belt, allowed me to take a few classes, allowed me to get a feel of the college experience. I've been here for a semester already, and I think things have gone pretty well with the TaC program. **I have like an advisor who I talk to about my classes, my grades, and because of that I've been able to do very, very well with my classes.** Landmark College is really for everyone. Anybody can come here. It's a very accepting and very kind community.