

Transcripts of Ambassador Videos – Fall 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.**

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.

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.

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.

Claudia Sherman—Richmond, Vermont

I came to Landmark College because I wasn't succeeding at my other school. My whole life I wasn't really doing as good as I could be in my classes. **I wasn't living up to my potential, but I just knew that I could do a lot better,** so I wanted to come here and see if I could succeed in a different environment. Landmark College is helping me with being able to advocate for myself a lot better than I was before. I feel like the faculty and staff is excited to help me, but not like to do things for me. They just want to support me and let me be in control of my learning. One thing you should know about Landmark College is that you have to want to be successful. You have to be able to take control of your learning. You have to be prepared to do the work.

Dylan Basora-Kennelly—Walpole, New Hampshire

I came to Landmark College because I had failed out of my previous university, **and after working for a while I got really tired of my job and a lack of upward mobility**. So, I decided to go back to college. Landmark College is helping me get my Bachelor's in Communications and Entrepreneurial Leadership, and getting job experience. One thing you should know about Landmark College is that if you put in the work you'll get the same amount back as you put in.

Daniel Molster—East Haven, Connecticut

I came to Landmark College because I had struggled previously at another institution with my social and emotional well-being, and I knew that Landmark was going to help with that because of the small size and also everyone's really friendly. **Landmark College is helping me manage my social and emotional skills**. I have utilized different supports over the years like social pragmatics, but I've also become a club leader of the largest club on campus. I am the manager of the radio station and I'm helping to launch student-run initiatives that help students get their voice out. One thing you should know about Landmark College is you get out what you put into it. There are so many opportunities here that you can't get anywhere else. And I can guarantee you, if you try, if you persevere, if you go for those goals, you can make it happen, and you can make a difference.

Nailah Quail-Parker—Queens, New York

I decided to come to Landmark because unfortunately, I flunked out of my last college. They weren't able to accommodate my needs and they didn't understand my ADHD. Landmark is helping me definitely with the accommodations. Everybody's just understanding that we're all neurodiverse students, and that they can help us the best way they can. **So far, we've been doing good. We have all A's**. One thing I think you should know about Landmark College is that it's okay to ask questions, but a lot of the faculty here is really patient and understanding. There's always somebody here that's able to help you no matter what and you'll be fine.

Dylan Sullivan—Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Landmark is helping me understand my dyslexia, as well as teaching me how to advocate for myself. **One thing you should know about Landmark College is that it's where actions align with values**. They don't just talk about universal design—it's actually, you see it in the classrooms and having different methods of teaching and you can talk with the professor one-on-one. It's not just a professor trying to relay information. It's a lot of discussion and collaborative work in that respect between the students and the professor.

Genevieve Hanna—Waukesha, Wisconsin

I came to Landmark College because **I needed a college that understood learning differences as well as how learning differences can also affect your mental health**. Landmark College is helping me with studying skills, as well as learning how to read a textbook while taking, while taking notes. One thing that you should know about Landmark College is that they, is that it looks at all aspects of the student and they really try, the professors really try to get to know you.

Jacob Pepi—Andover, Massachusetts

I came to Landmark College because I have ADHD. My stepfather introduced the college to me, and he has dyslexia, and he found the college so he figured it was a good idea to check it out. Landmark College is helping me overcome executive functioning challenges. **In the past, I've had trouble with ADHD and distractions. That was until I started using the services here in order to get my work done.** One thing you should know about Landmark College is that it provides you with tools and strategies in order for you to be successful.

Gabby Killin—San Jose, California

I came to Landmark College because I was struggling at my community college and so I transferred here. **I came to campus three semesters ago and I've been loving it ever since.** Landmark College is helping me with understanding how I learn. It's helping me figure out my path of where I want to go in life and just teaching me the tools I need to succeed.