Waukecha Wilkerson

Waukecha Wilkerson is a single mother of 13-year-old and 4-year-old sons and a 6-year-old daughter. She graduated from Coastline Community College in the Spring of 2020 with two associate degrees in psychology and social and behavioral science. She is a current student at Sacramento State University, pursuing a B.A. degree in psychology.

Waukecha’s Story

Waukecha fulfills her passion for serving others through her life coaching business, Won’t She Do It. As a life coach, she encourages others to identify their goals, create paths towards achieving those goals, and lay out actionable steps to take towards creating their best life. Waukecha also works full-time as a Customer Service Supervisor for Dermalogica, a leading national skincare brand.

Waukecha views being a single mother as motivation to reach her goals. She was the recipient of several scholarships in 2019 including the Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award. She is inspired by her mentors and organizations, such as Project Self-Sufficiency that have been instrumental in providing a “hand-up” for her and her family during a period when time and resources were scarce.

When she’s not working or studying, you can find Waukecha encouraging other student parents along their journey to economic independence through higher education. Waukecha is committed to be an example for her children and community by demonstrating that challenges are just victories that you have not won yet.

Resources

- Project Self Sufficiency is a resource for low-income, single parent families, which aims to achieve economic independence through higher education. They offer an array of support with adult education, including scholarships, child care assistance, and financial assistance such as money for textbooks.
- Imaginable Futures is a global philanthropic investment firm that partners with public and private sectors to make education more attainable for all people.
- National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) is an international network of professionals that works with students who are seeking postsecondary education. Their podcast, College Admissions Decoded, features in-depth interviews with admissions professionals from across the country.

Did you know..?

Almost half of all college students who are parents in the U.S. work full-time jobs, compared to 21% of dependent students without kids.

Some of the biggest challenges for these students is balancing work, school, and childcare.

Helpful Links

- Federal Student Aid
- ECMC Foundation
- National Public Safety Partnership (PSP)
- Ascend National Partners
- College Admissions Decoded

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