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# Why a future college dean *chose NAU* for her M.Ed.

“NAU means a future. NAU gave me the opportunity to reach my goal and my dream.”

**Jenyl Johnson**  
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## Meet Jenyl

Jenyl Johnson lives in Prescott, Arizona, and she works as Manager of Instructional Support at Yavapai College. She earned her associate degree at Yavapai College, followed by a bachelor's degree she completed online in 2003. After a decade of work experience, she went back to school in 2013 and entered the online Master of Education (M.Ed.) program in Educational Leadership-Community College/Higher Education at The Extended Campuses of Northern Arizona University.

### The Game Changer

An email changed her life. After receiving a message from NAU calling for scholarship applications for NAU's popular Education Leadership master's degree program, Jenyl decided it was time to earn her master's degree. "This was something I always wanted to do," she says. "So I applied to the program and the scholarship."

After raising four children while working full-time, Jenyl wanted to focus on her own goals. "I did a lot to help them through their education, so now it's my turn."

But Jenyl felt stuck in her career after working in higher education for 10 years. "I was working really hard and not getting anywhere," she says. "I really needed a master's degree for my career to grow."

Jenyl was accepted into the Educational Leadership program — and she won that scholarship.

**NAU's Educational Leadership in Community College/Higher Education graduate program** is offered entirely online and requires just 30 credit hours to complete (compared to 36 for most programs). It was designed for professionals like Jenyl who are ready to advance their careers at higher education institutions, government agencies, and non-profit organizations.





“Success is reaching that goal so that every morning when you wake up and go to work, you love what you do.”

— Jenyl Johnson

## A Rewarding Challenge

Jenyl jumped right in. She took on a full course load while still working full-time at Yavapai College. “It was a big undertaking,” she says. “I made the time and commitment, and it felt great to know that I could do it.”

She loves the small, intimate class sizes and discussing the readings with her peers. “I got to know my classmates better online than in the classroom,” Jenyl says. “It’s amazing how we open up and bounce our ideas off each other on the discussion boards.”

## No Stopping Now

One of Jenyl’s responsibilities is to organize Yavapai College’s commencement, and she’s excited to soon attend one of her own at NAU. She won’t be walking alone — her daughter is also graduating. “I can’t wait to get my hood and for us to walk together.”

She’s not stopping there. Jenyl aims to be a department dean in higher education and her M.Ed. is getting her closer to that dream. “Earning this degree has been a lifelong goal that I’ve always wanted. And now it’s mine.”

### Learn More

To find out more about NAU–Extended Campuses, including its degree options, locations and affordable tuition:

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