

# My Transition Story

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My name is Ryan, I'm 20 years old, and I have a disability called specific learning disability. I'm currently in a special education transition program called "Community IMAGES". This is my second year here at Spokane Community College. I graduated with my high school class, and was referred to this program. Before IMAGES I had a hard time to decide if I should choose IMAGES or not, it took me about a year to decide. When I came to IMAGES we did things that I never done about different agencies that can help me in my future, and a teacher that is really great to work with.

IMAGES stands for Independence, Mobility, Accountability, Goals, Education, and Success. I'm independent for making my own decisions. I'm mobile for taking the bus around- I can get anywhere in Spokane on the city bus. I'm accountable getting to work on time and calling in. My goal is to graduate from IMAGES and get a job I enjoy. I'm getting more education in IMAGES. I'm a successful artist. I entered three art contests. I won first place in one, second in another, and I haven't heard back from the third one.

Transitioning from high school to my IMAGES college program was a huge step for me in life. It was scary at first, but I am pretty sure I will have a future in life.